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CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — As soon as Dorisbell Pena received a text message informing her that President Nicolas Maduro seized control of a nation-wide chain of appliance stores Friday, she rushed to the nearest outlet in the hopes of finding what's become one of the scarcest items of all these days in Venezuela: a bargain.



People show their I.D. to the National Guard Soldiers as they do a line to come in at Daka a appliance store in Caracas, Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

A 34-year-old teacher, Pena has watched as the price of a new stove she needs has doubled in recent weeks to 40,000 bolivars even as her 2,500 bolivar-a-month salary stays the same. "I've got to take advantage of this opportunity today because tomorrow the prices keep going up," Pena said while huddled among friends on the concrete sidewalk outside the Tiendas Daka store in the eastern Caracas neighborhood of Bello Monte. She's not alone. At 1:30 a.m., shoppers were still arriving to join the hundreds who began amassing in the afternoon after price inspectors said they found evidence of "usury" and Maduro ordered the chain's "occupation."

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HAIYAN'S FURY



Survivors pass by two large boats after they were washed ashore by strong waves caused by Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban city, Leyte province central Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013. Haiyan, one of the most powerful storms on record, slammed into six central Philippine islands over the weekend, leaving a wide swath of destruction and thousands of people dead.

(AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

Philippines: Typhoon deaths climb into thousands

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TACLOBAN, Philippines

(AP) — Corpses hung from trees, were scattered on sidewalks or buried in flattened buildings — some of the 10,000 people believed killed in one Philippine city alone by ferocious Typhoon Haiyan that washed away homes and buildings with powerful winds and giant waves.

As the scale of devastation became clear Sunday from one of the worst storms ever recorded, officials projected the death toll could climb even higher when emergency crews reach parts of the archipelago cut off by flooding and landslides. Looters



A resident sits in her roofless house, after typhoon Haiyan hit in Daanbantayan town, north Cebu, central Philippines, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

(AP Photo/Chester Baldicantos)

raided grocery stores and gas stations in search of food, fuel and water as the government began relief efforts and international

aid operations got underway. Even in a nation regularly beset by earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical

storms, Typhoon Haiyan appears to be the deadliest natural disaster on record.

Haiyan hit the eastern seaboard of the Philippines on Friday and quickly barreled across its central islands, packing winds of 235 kph (147 mph) that gusted to 275 kph (170 mph), and a storm surge of 6 meters (20 feet). Its sustained winds weakened to 133 kph (83 mph) as it crossed the South China Sea before approaching northern Vietnam, where it was forecast to hit land early Monday. Authorities there evacuated hundreds of thousands of people.

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This undated photo provided by Miami Herald Andean Bureau Chief Jim Wyss, via The Miami Herald, shows Jim Wyss. Wyss was detained by Venezuelan authorities while reporting on politics and the chronic shortages in the South American country, the newspaper said Friday, Nov. 8, 2013.

(AP Photo/Miami Herald)

Miami Herald writer freed from custody in Venezuela

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan authorities on Saturday released a Miami Herald reporter they had detained two days earlier while he reported on the South American country's economic crisis.

The Miami Herald reported on its website that Jim Wyss was released from a detention facility in Caracas and handed over to U.S. Embassy officials. Herald executive editor Aminda Marques Gonzalez said on the website that "Jim is safe and soon will be reunited with his loved ones." Wyss later sent a message on Twitter thanking the Herald and others who worked to secure his speedy release. From the immigration detention center in Caracas, he joked about the diet of ham sandwiches he was fed and the tight living conditions in the room he was held with eight other people. "It's like living in a bar with bunkbeds," he told the Herald.

Wyss, the Herald's Andean bureau chief, was detained Thursday by the National Guard in San Cristobal, a western city near the border with Colombia that is a hotbed for illegal trans-

actions used to circumvent rigid currency controls.

The Herald's World Editor John Yearwood had flown to Caracas Saturday to usher the reporter out of the country. Throughout the ordeal, Venezuelan authorities never said why Wyss was being detained or whether he was facing charges. Nor did President Nicolas Maduro, an outspoken critic of the U.S., mention the case during a four-hour televised speech Friday night. Wyss, who is based in Bogota and has made many trips to Venezuela, traveled to San Cristobal to report on next month's municipal elections, which are taking place amid an economic crisis marked by 54 percent inflation and shortages of staples such as milk and toilet paper. Maduro blames hoarding and speculation by the private sector, and accuses right-wing agitators and the U.S. government of waging an "economic war" to destabilize his government. However, economists say that only scrapping the decade-old controls imposed by the late Hugo Chavez can curb a sharp slide in the currency's value on the black market. □

Philippines: Typhoon deaths climb into thousands

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Hardest hit in the Philippines was Leyte Island, where officials said there may be 10,000 dead in the provincial capital of Tacloban alone. Reports also trickled in from elsewhere on the island, as well as from neighboring islands, indicating hundreds more deaths, although it will be days before the full extent of the storm can be assessed.

"On the way to the airport we saw many bodies along the street," said Philippine-born Australian Mila Ward, 53, who was waiting at the Tacloban airport to catch a military flight back to Manila, about 580 kilometers (360 miles) to the northwest. "They were covered with just anything — tarpaulin, roofing sheets, cardboard." She said she passed "well over 100"

Island, and the northern part of Cebu appearing to bear the brunt of the storm. About 4 million people were affected by the storm, the national disaster agency said.

On Leyte, regional Police Chief Elmer Soria said the provincial governor had told him there were about 10,000 deaths there, primarily from drowning and collapsed buildings. Most were in Tacloban, a city of about 200,000 that is the biggest on the island.

On Samar, Leo Dacaynos of the provincial disaster office said 300 people were confirmed dead in one town and another 2,000 were missing, with some towns yet to be reached by rescuers. He pleaded for food and water, adding that power was out and there was no cellphone signal, making communication possible

tation. Many houses were flattened and roads were strewn with debris and uprooted trees. The ABS-CBN video showed several bodies on the street, covered with blankets.

"Even me, I have no house, I have no clothes. I don't know how I will restart my life, I am so confused," an unidentified woman said, crying. "I don't know what happened to us. We are appealing for help. Whoever has a good heart, I appeal to you — please help Guiuan."

The Philippine National Red Cross said its efforts were hampered by looters, including some who attacked trucks of food and other relief supplies it was shipping to Tacloban from the southern port of Davao.

Tacloban's two largest malls and grocery stores were looted, and police



Destroyed houses lie in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

(AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

bodies.

In one part of Tacloban, a ship had been pushed ashore and sat amid damaged homes.

Haiyan inflicted serious damage to at least six of the archipelago's more than 7,000 islands, with Leyte, neighboring Samar

only by radio.

Reports from other affected islands indicated dozens, perhaps hundreds more deaths.

Video from Eastern Samar province's Guiuan township — the first area where the typhoon made landfall — showed a trail of devas-

guarded a fuel depot. About 200 police officers were sent into Tacloban to restore law and order.

With other rampant looting reported, President Benigno Aquino III said he was considering declaring a state of emergency or martial law in Tacloban. □

Kerry, no deal in hand, defends negotiating strategy on Iran

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WASHINGTON/GENEVA

Secretary of State John Kerry defended his negotiating strategy with Iran on Sunday, asserting that the agreement he was seeking to freeze Tehran's nuclear program would be in Israel's interest.

"We are not blind, and I don't think we are stupid," Kerry said in an interview on the NBC News program "Meet the Press."

"I think we have a pretty strong sense of how to measure whether or not we are acting in the interests of our country and of the globe," he added, "and particularly of our allies like Israel and Gulf States and others in the region."

Kerry cut short a trip to the Middle East last week to join foreign ministers from France, Britain, Germany and Russia to push for an accord that would constrain Iran's nuclear program in return for possibly easing sanctions on the country. A senior Chinese diplomat also participated in the final discussions in Geneva.

But the negotiations ended early Sunday without an agreement, and differences emerged between France and other Western nations over the best way to impose effective limitations on Iran. Lower-level diplomats are scheduled to meet again in 10 days to resume the effort.

There is concern among supporters of the Obama administration's approach that the delay in securing an accord will give critics in Congress and Israel more time to mobilize opposition to any potential agreement.

The initial agreement the Obama administration is pursuing, which would last perhaps six months, would impose a number of measures intended to make it harder for Iran to develop the nuclear material rapidly for a nuclear weapon. By freezing the program in this way, U.S. officials say, diplomats would have more time to pursue a more comprehensive agreement. In return, the

United States would ease some sanctions and would most likely provide Iran with access to billions of dollars in funds frozen in overseas bank accounts.

But the interim accord would not require Iran to stop producing low-enriched uranium or dismantle its nuclear infrastructure, which is the nub of the Israeli complaint.

In the television interview, which was taped after the talks ended early Sunday, Kerry sought to play down reports of differences among the United States and its negotiating partners. "I'd say a number of nations - not just the French, but ourselves and others - wanted to make sure that we had the tough language necessary, the clarity in the language necessary, to be absolutely certain that we were doing the job and not granting more or doing something sloppily that could wind up with a mistake," he said.

"This is a new overture," Kerry added - referring to an initiative from President Hassan Rouhani of Iran to resolve the long-standing nuclear dispute - "and it has to be put to the test very, very carefully."

The British foreign secretary, William Hague, asserted that Western representatives were united in the last hours of the meeting over the proposals left for Iran to consider during the break.

Hague told the BBC that "narrow gaps" remained with Iran but that much had gone right in Geneva. "On the question of will it happen in the next few weeks, there is a good chance of that," he added. "A deal is on the table,

Netanyahu of Israel, who has described the interim agreement that the United States is seeking as a "grievous historic error." Netanyahu has said the United States and its negotiating partners should not remove economic

respect for, knows exactly what the amount or the terms are going to be, because we haven't arrived at them all yet," Kerry said in response to Netanyahu's critique.

"And it is not a partial deal," Kerry added. "It is a



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry attends a press conference at the end of the Iranian nuclear talks in Geneva, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013. Nuclear talks with Iran have failed to reach agreement, but Kerry said differences between Tehran and six world powers made "significant progress."

(AP Photo/Jason Reed, Pool)

and it can be done. But it is a formidably difficult negotiation. I can't say exactly when it will conclude."

Israel, however, has been adamant that the terms of the deal being negotiated were uniformly good for Iran - and bad for everyone else.

Kerry met last week with Prime Minister Benjamin

sanctions until Iran agrees to abandon its program to enrich uranium and to dismantle its nuclear infrastructure, which Israel fears is not part of a peaceful energy program as Tehran insists but is a cover for developing the capability to make nuclear weapons.

"I'm not sure that the prime minister, who I have great

first step in an effort that will lock the program in where it is today - in fact, set it back - while one negotiates the full deal."

"It seems to me that Israel is far safer if you make certain that Iran cannot continue the program," Kerry added. "Now, every day that we don't have it, they're continuing it." □

Graham sticks with threat on Benghazi nominee

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Sen. Lindsey Graham on Sunday stood by his threat to block all nominations by the Obama administration until Congress is granted access to all of the survivors of the attack on the U.S. Mission in Benghazi, Libya, even as the news report on which Republicans based their latest demands was being retracted.

Graham, R-S.C., said on the CNN program "State of the Union" that he would not back away from his threat because he had been asking to talk to the witnesses of the attack on Sept. 11, 2012, for a long time with-

out success.

"I've been trying for a year to get the interviews without holds, and you just can't allow something this bad and this big of a national security failure for the administration to investigate itself," he said.

CBS News plans to broadcast a rare correction Sunday to a recent "60 Minutes" program in which a security officer, Dylan Davies, recounted being at the mission on the night of the attack. It was later uncovered that his account on CBS News and in a newly published book differed from what he told the FBI, casting doubt on the cred-

ibility of his account.

After the "60 Minutes" report was broadcast, seeming to support claims that the mission was not adequately secured and that the attack was the result of a terrorist plot, some Republican senators renewed calls for the Obama administration to make survivors of the attack available to congressional investigators.

Graham vowed to hold up President Barack Obama's nominations until the administration complied, citing the CBS News report to substantiate his demands. Graham said he had not known of Davies until the

"60 Minutes" report came out. When asked how many witnesses would satisfy his request - with one having already testified in a closed hearing with members of the House and another three former security officers set to testify next week, according to CNN - Graham said he wanted to question all five survivors, plus the CIA officials with knowledge of what happened in Benghazi. He estimated that the total would be no more than 30 people. "The State Department has thus far refused to allow anybody in Congress to talk to these five," he said. □



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Texas, 5 other states resist processing benefits for gay couples

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On the morning of Sept. 3, the first day the Pentagon said they could, Alicia Butler and her spouse, Judith Chedville, who is a Texas Army National Guard officer, went to Austin's Camp Mabry so Butler could get a military spouse identification card and register for the same federal marriage benefits provided to wives and husbands of heterosexual service members. The two women handed a sheaf of official papers, including their 2008 California marriage license, to a

clerk who glanced at the documents and declared, "It's one of those." She then called over her boss, who told the couple that they would have to travel to a federal military base like Fort Hood, 70 miles to the north, to get the ID, Butler recalled.

The reason: Texas is one of six states refusing to comply with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's order that gay spouses of National Guard members be given the same federal marriage benefits as heterosexual spouses. Hagel's decree followed the Supreme

Court's ruling in June striking down part of the Defense of Marriage Act that had prohibited the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages. Although a majority of states ban same-sex marriages, most are not fighting the new policy. But Pentagon officials say that in addition to Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and West Virginia have balked. Each has cited a conflict with state laws or constitutions that do not recognize same-sex marriages. While the president has the pow-



Alicia Butler, left, with her spouse Judith Chedville, a national guardsman, and their daughter Jordan, at their home in Austin, Texas. Butler was denied federal marriage benefits at Camp Mabry in Texas, one of six states refusing to comply with an order that gay spouses of National Guard members be given the same benefits as heterosexual spouses.

(Ben Sklar/The New York Times)

er to call National Guard units into federal service - and nearly all Guard funding comes from the federal government - the states say the units are state agencies that must abide by state laws. Requiring same-sex spouses to go to federally owned installations "protects the integrity of our state Constitution and sends a message to the federal government that they cannot simply ignore our laws or the will of the people," Gov. Mary Fallin of Oklahoma said last week. But the six states are violating federal law, Hagel told an audience recently. "It causes division among the ranks, and it furthers prejudice," he said. Hagel has demanded full compliance, but Pentagon officials have not said what steps they would take with

states that do not fall in line.

Officials in the six states say they are not preventing same-sex spouses from getting benefits, because those couples can register and receive IDs through federal installations. But those officials conceded that many couples would have to travel hours round trip to the nearest federal installation. Advocates for gay service members, though, fear that some benefits offered on bases, like support services for relatives of deployed service members, could still be blocked. Moreover, gay spouses say that in an age that saw the scrapping of the military's ban on openly gay service members, it is discriminatory - and humiliating - to have to jump through extra hoops to receive benefits. □

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Police: robbery attempt unfolded before shooting



Visitors at the Bryant Park skating rink in New York, Nov. 10, 2013. A 14-year-old boy and a 20-year-old man skating Saturday night were wounded by gunfire after what police said began as a robbery attempt just outside the rink.

(Damon Winter/The New York Times)

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NEW YORK - It was a crisp Saturday night, the skaters jumping onto the freshly groomed ice in the oasis of Bryant Park in Midtown Manhattan, Sinatra and Billie Holiday in the background. Nearby, a wedding party was in full tilt at the Bryant Park Grill; sidewalk vendors were cleaning up their carts or selling the last of their wares. Then the gunshots came, three in quick succession. Park goers rushed out of the rink, many stopping only to remove their skates and running out in socks or

stockings. Among the few who remained were two skaters, a 14-year-old boy and a 20-year-old man, both wounded by the gunfire.

On Sunday, the police began to piece together the events that led to the shooting, which Bryant Park officials characterized as an aberration. Indeed, while there have been shootings in or near roller-skating rinks in New York City, no one could recall a recent shooting at an ice-skating rink.

The shooting happened just after 11 p.m. and was apparently precipitated by an attempted robbery

just outside the rink. The police said that a man approached Javier Contreras, 20, and demanded his winter jacket, believed to be a Marmot Mammoth, commonly referred to as a Biggie. Contreras refused to hand over his coat, the police said, and the suspect left. It was not clear if the men knew each other, the police said. But minutes later, the suspect returned with a handgun and summoned Contreras to him before opening fire, the police said. One bullet hit Contreras, one spun off harmlessly, and a third slammed into the torso of a 14-year-old skater, identified by the police as Adonis Mera. The two wounded skaters were taken to Bellevue Hospital Center, where they were listed in

stable condition.

The police on Sunday took a 16-year-old boy from the Bronx into custody in connection with the shooting. Witnesses identified the teenager as the gunman, the police said, and charges were pending.

Danielle Behrens, 21, was on the ice when she heard the shots. "I processed it for about two seconds," she said. But when she saw people dropping to the floor, she got into a crouch and skated off the rink. With her skates still on, she hustled into a bathroom stall. "I locked it," she said. "I was physically shaking and praying."

The rink has a capacity of about 500 skaters, and park officials said there were about 300 when the shots were fired. □

Houston:

2 dead and 22 injured at party

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HOUSTON - A house party in a Houston suburb packed with teenagers and young adults turned deadly late Saturday when gunfire erupted inside, the authorities said, killing two people and wounding at least 22 others who were shot or injured in the frantic rush to escape. More than 100 people were in the house in the suburb of Cypress at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, celebrating the birthday of a teenager, the Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. Many of the partygoers were students or recent graduates of Cypress Springs High School, which is about one mile away. For reasons that remain unclear to investigators, gunmen began

shooting, causing dozens of young people to flee in a panic, including some who broke second-floor windows and jumped out, the authorities said.

One man and one woman were killed, but officials did not immediately release their ages or identities. The injuries of victims ranged from minor - including twisted ankles - to critical, the police said. Those injured were treated at five hospitals, including some who were taken in emergency vehicles and others by car. The Sheriff's Office said it was searching for two suspects. The suburb - a middle- and upper-middle-class area of newly built homes, golf courses and shopping centers - is about 28 miles northwest of downtown Houston. □

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Christie: Republicans should seek minority votes



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie visits with students at Jose Marti Freshman Academy in Union City, N.J. Gov. Christie on Sunday offered his Republican Party a prescription to win: show up.
 (AP Photo/Rich Schultz)

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Sunday offered his Republican Party a prescription to win: show up.

Christie, fresh off a 22-percentage point win for re-election, said Republicans must go into Hispanic and black communities, talk with seniors and campaign in traditionally Democratic-leaning areas. It's what helped him become the first New Jersey Republican in a quarter century to capture more than 50 percent of the vote.

"I know everybody is going to be speculating about what may come in my future and lots of other people's future in our party. But the fact is, I am focused on being the governor of New Jersey and being the chairman of the Republican Governors Association," Christie said on "Fox News Sunday," one of the four television news shows he appeared on Sunday. "And I think those two jobs will keep me pretty busy over the next year."

It's the year after that dominates conversations among Republican operatives, donors and rivals.

Asked directly whether he would serve all four years of his second term, which starts in 2014, Christie hedged: "Listen, who knows? I don't know."

Republicans are searching for a candidate who is true to the party's beliefs, can appeal to voters in swing-voting states and can help the party win the presidency for the first time since 2004.

Christie's win on Tuesday made him an appealing option.

"I got 61 percent of the vote in the state of New

Jersey in a blue state that had just re-elected Barack Obama a year ago by 17 points," Christie said.

"That was nearly a 40-point turnaround between voting for a Democrat at the top of the ticket and voting for a Republican."

Christie attributed his win to reaching out to traditionally Democratic demographic groups. He received just over half of the Hispanic vote, and about a fifth of the African-American vote. His showing among these groups were better-than-average for a Republican.

"If you want to win a vote by that kind of margin, if you want to attract the majority of the Hispanic vote, if you want to nearly triple your African-American vote, you need to show up, you need to go into those neighborhoods, you need to campaign in places," Christie said.

That's not to say Christie is a natural fit for the Republican Party whose base is far more conservative than the general population. He has favored an overhaul to U.S. immigration laws that includes a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the country illegally.

He is not opposed to some gun control measures. And he's been critical of some of the hardcore conservative tea party's most popular figures in Washington such as Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a 2012 presidential contender who is weighing another White House campaign, said voters would have to judge Christie's record as he visits early nominating states such as Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. □

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US Financial Front:

The shutdown's surprise effect on American job numbers

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government shutdown may have affected October's jobs numbers. But not in the expected way.

to allow more time to collect payroll and household data. That extra time resulted in an above average response rate for payroll data. So, not to get hung up on

participation rate would skew the number up. "Tentatively, we think the effect of this could explain all the overshoot in payrolls," Shepherdson wrote. As a result, some economists are predicting that when the October numbers are updated, they might be in for a downward revision and that November could yield a lower number as well. "Businesses may have inadvertently counted employment for an extra week," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "That could juice up the number. That may mean that we actually get surprised next month with a much weaker number."

The shutdown had another

effect on the employment data. Besides conducting a survey of employers, which gives data on actual hiring, the government also surveys households to determine the unemployment rate. Furloughed federal employees were considered unemployed during the shutdown and thus contributed to the increase in the unemployment rate in October from 7.2 percent to 7.3 percent. Without the furloughs, the unemployment rate would have dropped. Complicating things, some furloughed employees were counted as still employed. As a result, if they had been properly listed as unemployed, the job-

less rate for October could have been higher than 7.3 percent. But those are temporary anomalies and they won't affect the November unemployment rate. Even with data showing more hiring in the month, President Barack Obama on Friday stuck with the White House theme that the shutdown "harmed our jobs market." "The unemployment rate still ticked up and we don't yet know all the data for this final quarter of the year, but it could be down because of what happened in Washington," he said. The data did have some warnings. Americans' participation in the labor force went down. □



A recruiter waits to meet with job seekers at a career fair, in King of Prussia, Pa. The government shutdown may have affected October's jobs numbers. But not in the expected way. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

For weeks, the White House had braced for a dour report on hiring, with economists and aides lowering expectations and blaming last month's partial government shutdown for the inevitable bad news to come. Then Friday's numbers materialized: Employers appeared to have ignored the shutdown and hired away, to the tune of 204,000 jobs in October. The shutdown, it seemed, had had no effect. Not so fast. In the height of irony, the 16 days of federal worker furloughs and government disruptions may have helped, not hurt, the improved jobs picture. Typically, jobs numbers are announced on the first Friday of the month. Because of the shutdown, the Bureau of Labor Statistics delayed the release of the jobs numbers by one week

numbers, but the average participation rate by employers in payroll surveys for the nine months before October was 76.4 percent. That meant that in subsequent months, as more data was collected, the hiring numbers were adjusted, often upward. In October, with an extra week to collect data, the participation rate was 83.5 percent, the highest ever. A robust hiring number, to some economists, now felt slightly inflated. "It seems that when the initial response rate is high, the initial payroll number is often, though certainly not always, stronger than the prior trend," Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, wrote in a research note. In other words, if the jobs numbers in prior months were based on a lower participation rate, a stronger

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Israel's Netanyahu: Rest of world soft on Palestinians

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister on Sunday accused the international community of being too soft on the Palestinians, saying the world must understand that peace is a "two-way street."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made his comments in the wake of heavy international criticism for plans to build thousands of new homes in Jewish set-

tlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. During a swing through the region last week, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the construction, planned in occupied lands claimed by the Palestinians, raised questions about Israel's seriousness about peace.

In an address to Jewish leaders from North America, Netanyahu said that it was time for the world to turn a critical eye on the Palestinians.

"It cannot be that the Palestinians are forever pampered by the international community," he said.

He claimed the world had ignored Palestinian incitement and a refusal to accept Israel as a Jewish state, and said the world has accepted half-hearted Palestinian attempts to fight violence.

"It's time that the international community, certainly the serious members of the international com-



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Sde Boker, Israel, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

(AP Photo/David Buimovitch, Pool)

munity, understand this is a two-way street, because peace is not a one-way street and it won't be," he said.

Mohammed Ishtayeh, a Palestinian peace negotiator, said accepting Israel's demand to be recognized as the Jewish homeland would undermine the rights of Israel's Arab minority as well as claims of Palestinian refugees to lost properties in what is now Israel.

He said Israel has not made similar demands of other parties and accused Israel of trying "to complicate the negotiating track."

Under heavy U.S. pressure, Israel and the Palestinians agreed in July to resume peace talks for the first time in nearly five years.

While they have set an April target date for reaching a peace agreement, there has been no visible progress. □

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Activists hurl tomatoes at Dutch royals in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian opposition group says its activists have thrown tomatoes at Dutch King Willem-Alexander and his wife, Queen Maxima, as they arrived for a concert in Moscow.

Eduard Limonov, the leader of the banned National Bolshevik party, said two of its activists hurled tomatoes at the royals on Saturday. Russia's state security agency said they missed their target. Limonov said Sunday the action was intended to attract public attention to what he called the Netherlands' failure to properly investigate the death of the group's member, Alexander Dolmatov, who committed suicide in January at a Dutch deportation center. The royal visit was aimed to celebrate the two nations' historical ties, but it came amid tensions caused by Russia's seizure of a Dutch-flagged Greenpeace ship and other disputes. □



King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands and Queen Maxima attend a concert by Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra at the Tchaikovsky Conservatorium in Moscow, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013. At left is Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich. (AP Photo/A. Zemlianichenko)



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Syria activists: Truce reached in blockaded town

DIAA HADID

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Government officials and rebels reached a deal to ease a weeks-long blockade on a rebel-held town near the Syrian capital on Sunday, allowing food to reach civilians there for the first time in weeks, activists said.

The truce is the latest to be struck in recent months between President Bashar Assad's government and disparate rebel groups in the country's more than 2 ½-year-old conflict.

It comes as the main Western-backed Syrian opposition group was holding the second of two days of meetings in Istanbul to decide whether to attend a proposed peace conference the U.S. and Russia are trying to convene in Geneva by the end of this year.

The Syrian National Coalition has demanded Assad step down in any transitional government as a condi-

tion for participation in the talks.

Syrian officials say Assad will stay in his post at least until his term ends in 2014 and that he may run for re-election.

Coalition spokesman Louay Safi said discussions were still ongoing Sunday night.

"There are people who are concerned and worried that not enough preparation has taken place. And there are those who would like to make a decision but with some preparation," he told reporters in Istanbul.

According to a draft statement that the coalition officials say the group intends to vote on, the opposition in exile affirms its "readiness" to take part in a transitional government, but one that has full powers, including executive powers.

A copy of the draft obtained by The Associated Press also said the coalition will consult with "revolutionary forces inside Syria, as well as Arab and interna-

tional allies, to explain the coalition's position and bolster unanimity over the coalition's decision."

The coalition is also expected to approve a list of cabinet of ministers presented by interim prime minister, Ahmad Toumeh, who was elected in September.

The Western-backed group

also has called for goodwill measures from the Assad government, including lifting sieges on rebel-held areas.

It wasn't clear whether the deal in Qudsaya was such a gesture, as neither rebels nor Syrian officials comment on such deals.

An activist group, the Qud-

saya Media Team, confirmed the truce in a statement but gave few details. In an earlier statement this month, they said local markets had run out of food, and the area's poorest residents were going hungry. They could not be immediately reached for comment. □



A Syrian rebel fires a weapon towards Syrian government troops loyal to President Bashar Assad in Aleppo, Syria, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013.

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Brazilian billionaire Eike Batista attends a ceremony in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. OSX Brasil S.A., the shipbuilding company of Batista, said Friday evening it will file for bankruptcy protection in a Rio de Janeiro court.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Moraes)

STAN LEHMAN

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — OSX Brasil S.A., the shipbuilding company of Brazil's one-time richest man Eike Batista, said Friday evening it will file for bankruptcy protection in a Rio de Janeiro court.

The company said on its website that its board of directors agreed Friday to file for bankruptcy protection

Brazil's OSX to seek bankruptcy protection

and that a special meeting of shareholders will be held on Nov. 28 to ratify the decision.

Ten days ago, Batista's OGX oil company filed for bankruptcy protection after it failed to reach an agreement to delay payment to holders of \$3.6 billion in bonds.

According to Vanessa Guerra, an OSX press officer, the shipbuilding company owes the equivalent of \$2.3 billion to state and private banks as well as to suppliers.

If the court accepts OSX's request, the company will have 60 days to come up with a restructuring plan. Creditors will then have 180 days to decide if they accept the plans.

For Adriano Pires, one of Brazil's top energy analysts, the OGX and OSX bankruptcy protection filings hurt Brazil's image overseas "at a time when the country needs to attract investments for its oil industry as well as for infrastructure projects like highways, airports, ports, and railways." He said that in the minds of foreign investors, the OSX and OGX filings increased

their "uncertainty and their fears of the rising risks involved in investing in the country."

Cassia Pontes, an oil industry analyst with the Rio-based Lopes Filho e Associados consulting firm, has said that OSX was in a "very worrisome" situation because it was created to supply oil tankers and platforms to Batista's petroleum concern."

"This was the company's business plan and it started collapsing when it was learned that OGX's oil production had fallen short of expectations," she said, adding that OSX depended on Batista's oil company for "most if not all of its revenue. They are like conjoined twins."

OGX was the backbone of Batista's empire, which includes steel, mining, ener-

gy, infrastructure and real estate companies.

OGX failed to deliver on promises to produce large amounts of offshore oil even though it has reported many finds since 2010, when its market value reached \$34 billion.

In the first half of this year, the company averaged output of just 8,500 barrels a day and racked up more than \$2.5 billion in losses. □

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Colombia:

Club shooting leaves 8 dead

CALI, Colombia (AP) — Police say eight people have died and six are injured after a man entered a night-club in the Colombian city of Cali and opened fire. Cali police Col. Hoover Alfredo Penilla said police captured the suspected assailant after the shooting, which occurred around 9 p.m. Friday in the club "La Barra de la 44." Edward Rodriguez is an investigations director with Cali prosecutors and identified the sus-

pect as 20-year-old Johan Alexander Mosquera. Club bouncer Reynaldo Campos gave a different account of what he said was a 20-minute shootout. Campos said several men entered the club shooting and searching its three floors.

Rodriguez said the leading hypothesis was the shootings resulted from a revenge attack launched by one criminal gang against another. □



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Venezuelan shoppers amass outside seized stores

Continued from front

In a televised address Friday night, the president vowed to reopen the stores Saturday and unload their stock of plasma televisions,

— a reflection of how near-record 54 percent inflation and shortages of basic goods such as milk and toilet paper are affecting all families in South America's biggest oil producer.

hoarding products or speculating on prices.

In their second full day in the field, inspectors, followed by state television cameras, took control of two Daka stores in Cara-

and blames an "economic war" waged by enemies of the socialist revolution started by the late Hugo Chavez for pushing up prices beyond reach. With his son, he plans to spend

in Venezuela, they're in Miami," said Solano, a 49-year-old salesman of engine varnish.

"They import at 6.3 but then sell it to the people and six times the amount," he said, referring to the gap that has opened between the dollar exchange rate some companies are able to import goods at and the black market one used to set prices for everything except the most basic, price-capped goods. "We can't allow this to continue."

The store's owners haven't yet responded to the accusations.

Even opponents of Maduro expressed sympathy for his effort to check price gouging by private business. Sipping on a cup of white rum with her well-dressed, middle class friends, 24-year-old Ana Aquino said her salary as a public relations manager doesn't go as far as it used to.

"I'm not here taking a political position," said Aquino, who sometimes helps organize anti-government protests online. "I'm just against anyone abusing the Venezuelan people."

Pena was even more circumspect about her politics. Uniquely in this polarized country, she refuses to say whether she'll support the opposition or pro-government candidates in what's shaping up to be a referendum on Maduro's rocky, seven-month rule.

"It doesn't matter whether you're a Chavista or opponent," she said. "We're all shoppers." □



National Guard Soldiers stand on guard as shoppers wait outside of Daka a appliance store in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013. In a bid to bring down prices that have jumped in tandem with demand for dollars on the black market, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro on Wednesday tightened controls on currency transactions. With hard-fought municipal elections approaching next month, he also ordered the military to shut down businesses found hoarding products or speculating on prices.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

washing machines and other seized merchandise at "fair prices."

"Leave nothing on the shelves, leave nothing in the warehouses," he said. The Friday night frenzy, described by one bargain hunter as an "organized looting," cut across Venezuela's normally insurmountable political divide

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cas.

Come nightfall, National Guardsmen, some brandishing assault rifles, helped maintain order at the Bello Monte outlet by assigning numbers to shoppers as they filed into a line that stretched around the block.

Jose Solano, shopper number 223, sides with Maduro

the night sleeping in line so they can purchase a 46-inch, Sony plasma TV at a quarter of the 54,000 bolivar listed price still visible through the glass store front. The TV costs \$8,571 at the official exchange rate and about \$1,000 at the black market rate.

"I heard the owners of this store don't even live



At Palm Beach Plaza Mall:

Rosalie Klein is Caribbean Queen's featured artist for November!



PALM BEACH - The charming Caribbean Queen Boutique is proud to introduce its Caribbean Queen for November 2013, local artist Rosalie Klein, who prominently displays her beautifully designed silks in the boutique this month. Born in the USA, Rosalie Klein has been living in Aruba since 1980. She was an art major at the Univer-

sity of Ohio and studied photography at NYU. Her life on Aruba has entailed a number of careers including SCUBA Instructor, businesswoman, marketing manager, journalist and photographer. Always favoring "crafty" art mediums, Rosalie discovered silk painting in 2005, and has been ardently devoted to the craft since.

"The first time I put the brush to silk and watched the colors flow, I was hooked," she recalls. "Silk painting is very challenging; the process requires precise planning, but one also must be spontaneous and adaptable. I find the surprised response by those who see the finished work for the first time is very gratifying...as it usually is not at all what



they imagined." Rosalie first began showing her work in 2006 during the "Flora" group exhibition at the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. Her largest collection to date part of a three-artist exposition at the RBTT Bank in Oranjestad titled "Sisters Under the Skin," along with noted artists Gerda van Leeuwen and Wendy Sneek in 2007. Her silk painting has been well received during expos at the Toyota and Westin

Art Galleries and including in the Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival and the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival. This is her first major show of silk painting since participating in the 25th Anniversary of Status Aparte at the Westin Gallery in 2011. You are invited to visit the store any day. Rosalie will be hosting an artist demonstration at Caribbean Queen, Palm Beach Plaza Mall, in the evening hours of November 21st. □





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Renaissance Resort hosts Randy Fenoli of 'Say Yes to the Dress'

ORANJESTAD –November– Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino recently received a visit from Randy Fenoli presenter of famous international television show 'Say Yes to the Dress' and Fashion Designer & Director of Kleinfeld. The visit of Randy Fenoli is part of the promotional campaign to position Aruba as a romantic destination.

Randy dedicated his time in experiencing the activities and culinary options that are part of the romantic image of Aruba as an initiation of what can become a long term professional relationship. Together with his assistant Randy captured the highlight of his experience and produced various items that were shared with fans and so to be brides around the world via social media and blogs. During his stay Randy had the opportunity to visit the renovated Renaissance Marina Hotel rooms and the Okeanos Spa where the bride and groom prepare themselves for their big day. Besides

this, Randy was also introduced to various venues within the resort which are perfect for wedding ceremonies and celebrations including the Renaissance private Island, Flamingo Beach and Iguana Beach. To finalize his stay Randy enjoyed a relaxing spa day in the Private Spa Cove of the Renaissance Island which is also a perfect romantic getaway for honeymooners. During his stay on Aruba, Randy Fenoli was given the grand tour by Renaissance Aruba wedding planner, Randolph Geerman and marketing executive Mrs. Zugheila Lindeborg.

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino is very happy with the visit of Mr. Randy Fenoli which is of great importance to the resort and Aruba as a 'wedding destination'. Mr. Fenoli is an influential person that has great impact on the decision of those who are preparing to get married and those who are looking for a perfect honeymoon destination. □

Amazonia Churrascaria Welcomes Oscar Galindez and Ronan Pavoni



experiences and techniques and interacted with their athletic audience for a full afternoon under the "So, let's all get moving.....for a healthier and happier you," slogan as conceived by Nancy Maya Retail Concepts MAP, and Francis Gil, Director of Operations, The Athlete's Foot.

Chef Victor joined the photo opportunity and saw to it that the guests enjoy their lean proteins and a variety of vitamin-rich vegetables and greens, as served by his kitchen every day. □

PALM BEACH - Our roving photographer caught an Olympian athlete dining at Amazonia Churrascaria, in the company of his coach and his local hosts, members of management at the Athlete's Foot. The Athlete's Foot has just orchestrated a Running Clinic over the weekend, the first of a range of educational programs and activities sponsored by the Sports Emporium here. The clinic at Cas Di Cultura featured from Argentina, one of world's leading athletes and an authority on triathlons, Oscar Galindez and his personal coach Ronan Pavoni.

Oscar competed in the first Olympic triathlon at the 2000 Summer Olympics, placing twenty-eighth with a total time of 1:50:59.48.

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beautiful island: do not be surprised! TripAdvisor has already granted a Certificate Of Excellence for 2012, and 2013 consecutively, and locally the restaurant has been named "The Best Lobster House On Aruba."

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Here's what one of our re-

We had reservations but did not know how long it would take to get there from our hotel (we were at the Radisson). We ended up taking a cab, although we could have walked. We were about 15 minutes early and our table was not ready so we just sat at another table outside on the

porch while we waited. We were OK with this, however the manager was so nice, he kept coming over and updating us on when our table would be ready. Once our table was ready we were happy to see that it was inside, my husband was very warm!"

"The inside of the restaurant is air conditioned but was not freezing cold like some places. It is very small, with only about 6 or 7 tables and a small bar, but very cozy and decorated with photographs of the island. It was adorable, we really loved the atmosphere. There were no loud people, everyone seemed to just be enjoying a nice quiet meal which is exactly what we were looking to do that evening. Our waiter was very attentive and knowledgeable about the menu. We ordered the Shrimp cocktail to share as an appetizer, it was kind of small, but it tasted very good and we did not want to fill up before our dinner so it was perfect for us. We each ordered the 8oz. Lobster Tails which came with potatoes and veggies. It was delicious and the perfect size. We were pretty full, but we had to try the apple beignets! They were served warm with ice cream, so good!! We each had two drinks. Our bill was less than \$140 before tip. We are from the Northeast and are used to going out to higher priced restaurants so we were pleasantly surprised with the affordability of such a wonderful meal. We are very excited to return to Blue Lobster next year when we go back to Aruba!"

Come and see for yourself what everyone is talking about: Make your reservations for The Blue Lobster Restaurant, and come enjoy a little slice of heaven on Aruba!☐





NFL Capsules

Jaguars end skid, beat Titans 29-27 for 1st win

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Maurice Jones-Drew and Jordan Todman each ran for a touchdown as the Jacksonville Jaguars held off the Tennessee Titans 29-27 Sunday.

The Jaguars (1-8) scored the most points in a game this season for first-year coach Gus Bradley. They never trailed and forced four turnovers they turned into 17 points.

The Titans scored twice in the final 4:15, the last on a 14-yard TD pass by Ryan Fitzpatrick to Delanie Walker with 40 seconds left. But Johnathan Cyprien recovered the onside kick to seal the victory, leaving Tampa Bay as the only winless team. The Buccaneers host Miami on Monday night.

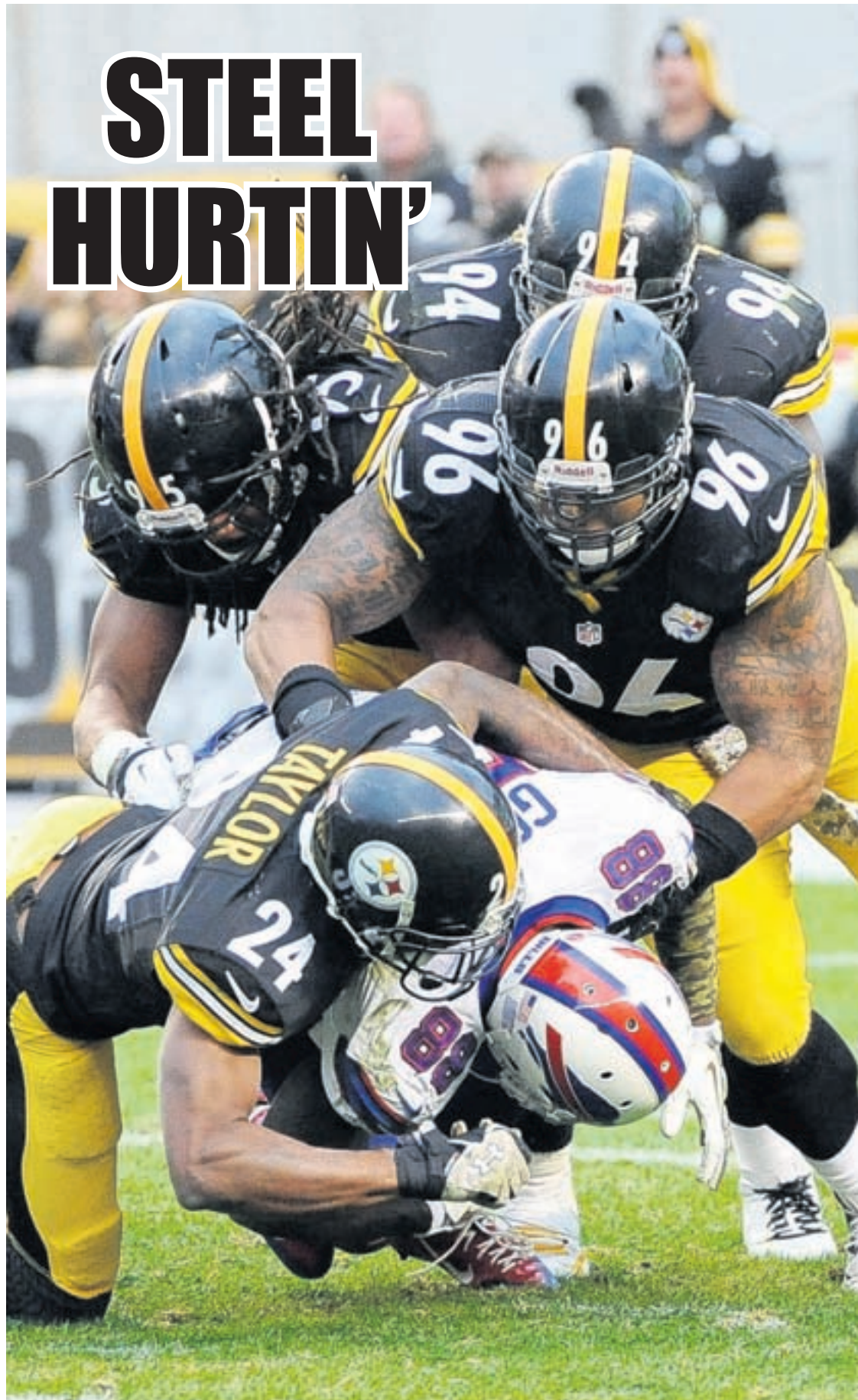
On a day the Titans (4-5) held a moment of silence for late owner Bud Adams, they lost quarterback Jake Locker to an injured right foot that had him on crutches and in a walking boot in the second half.

RAVENS 20, BENGALS 17, OT

BALTIMORE (AP) — Justin Tucker kicked a 46-yard field goal with 5:27 left in overtime as the Ravens won after blowing a 17-point halftime lead and giving up a touchdown on the final play of regulation. The tense victory ended a three-game skid for the Ravens (4-5) and thrust them into a second-place tie in the division, just one game behind Cincinnati (6-4) in the loss column. It was the defending Super Bowl champions' first victory since Oct. 6.

The Bengals have lost two straight in overtime.

Cincinnati pulled even when A.J. Green caught a desperation pass from



Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback Ike Taylor (24), defensive end Ziggy Hood (96), and outside linebacker Jarvis Jones (95) tackle Buffalo Bills wide receiver Marquise Goodwin (88) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh won 23-10.

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Andy Dalton for a 51-yard touchdown. Green positioned himself behind the pack and caught the ball after it flicked off the hand of Ravens safety James Ihedigbo, who earlier had the first two interceptions of his career. PANTHERS 10, 49ERS 9

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Drayton Florence's interception in the final minute sealed victory for Carolina to snap the San Francisco 49ers' five-game winning streak and give the Panthers their fifth straight win.

Graham Gano kicked a 53-yard field goal with 10:05 remaining that held up as the Panthers (6-3) twice shut down Colin Kaepernick on last-ditch drives with swarming defense.

DeAngelo Williams broke two tackles for a 27-yard touchdown run late in the first half that pulled Carolina within 9-7. Gano missed wide left on a 48-yard field goal in the third period, but came through later.

San Francisco (6-3) got the ball back with 5:25 left at its 1, then again with 1:02 to go.

Phil Dawson kicked a season-best 53-yard field goal among his three for the 49ers, who lost tight end Vernon Davis and rookie safety Eric Reid to concussions.

BRONCOS 28, CHARGERS 20

SAN DIEGO (AP)

— Peyton Manning threw for 330 yards and four touchdowns, three to Demaryius Thomas, as he efficiently led the Broncos in their first game since coach John Fox had heart surgery.

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Johnson widens points lead on Kenseth's bad day

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

AVONDALE, Arizona (AP)

— Jimmie Johnson seized control of the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship battle following a disastrous performance by Matt Kenseth on Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway.

Johnson widened his lead in the Sprint Cup standings to 28 points over Kenseth heading into next Sunday's season finale at Homestead by finishing third in a workmanlike performance for the five-time champion. Johnson will take his sixth title by finishing 23rd or better next week.

"We're heading into Homestead in the position we want to be in," Johnson said. "I'll have to go down there and run 400 miles. It's far from over. You've got to finish that race. Although we have a nice cushion, we still have to go down there and take care of business."

Kevin Harvick won Sunday at Phoenix for the second consecutive year, but all eyes were on Kenseth, who struggled mightily for the first time in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Kenseth finished 23rd.

His car was off at the very start of the race and Kenseth struggled to tell crew chief Jason Ratcliff what



Kevin Harvick, right, hugs team owner Richard Childress, left, in victory lane after winning the AdvoCare 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Phoenix International Raceway, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, in Avondale, Ariz.

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adjustments to make on a Toyota he described at one point as "just not drivable."

"I don't even know what to tell you to fix, to be honest," Kenseth radioed. "I am so aero tight. So aero tight." Figuring track position and clean air was the only fix, Ratcliff opted for a strategy of having Kenseth do the opposite of other driv-

ers: If they pitted, Kenseth did not, and vice versa. It worked as Kenseth cracked the top 10, but then backfired horrifically on a disastrous pit stop at the worst possible time.

Moments after contact between Johnson and Carl Edwards knocked Johnson out of the groove and forced him to save his Chevrolet from wrecking, a

caution was called for Josh Wise's spin. The Joe Gibbs Racing crew botched the pit stop, changing strategy mid-stop, and Kenseth compounded the problem by running over his air hose. His car had to be backed up before it could be serviced.

It dropped him to 30th, two laps down, and he restarted behind Johnson at the one opportunity he'd had to make up some ground.

"After that issue, we came to pit road and left, and I expected him to be ahead of us," Johnson said. "He was behind me and I knew it was just about trying to get points on him from there."

Kenseth's finish was his worst of the Chase, and worst since he was 23rd at Watkins Glen in August. He only had four finishes worse than 23rd all season, and three were either for an engine failure or a crash.

So off in the waning laps, Kenseth's frustration could be heard over the radio when he couldn't pass Bobby Labonte and David Gilliland.

"Man, this is bad," Kenseth said. "I can't believe I can't even pass these two cars." Although he wasn't great all weekend, Kenseth said he never saw Sunday's performance coming.

"No, because we haven't had a day like this all year," Kenseth said. "I can't say I was overly confident about what we had. Obviously, it didn't drive good or we would have been up there with the front group. I just did all I could with it, which wasn't much."

After seven wins this season, Kenseth's first driving for Joe Gibbs Racing, Ratcliff did not believe the team choked.

"Everybody's going to say, 'Oh, the pressure got to them,' " he said. "Just poor execution on a track that's so hard to pass."

You're trying to make up for something that happened earlier and it just snowballs on you.

The car wasn't responding to changes. We'd make a change and wouldn't help it, so we'd put that back and make a another change and I don't know if that was better or worse, so I was like 'Just quit working on the thing, it's not responding.'

"We were just trying to make something out of nothing."

Harvick, meanwhile, picked up his fourth win of the season when Edwards ran out of gas headed to the white flag. Harvick sailed by on the last lap for his fourth win of the year. □



Chris Kirk cheers after making a putt to win the final round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, in St. Simons Island, Ga.

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DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia (AP)

— Chris Kirk survived a wild back nine on Sunday to win the Mc-

Gladrey Classic, thanks to one big mistake by Briny Baird that kept him winless in 365 starts on the PGA Tour.

Kirk closed with a 4-under

Kirk survives roller-coaster finish to win

66 for his second career win, though he received plenty of help from Baird. They were tied for the lead playing the 18th hole at Sea Island when Baird drove into a fairway bunker. He topped a 4-iron that went about 90 yards and into a hazard.

Kirk only had to make par for a one-shot win over Baird (67) and Tim Clark (62).

"He was making 4 from where he was," Baird said. "I didn't have a really good lie but it was a do-able shot. My foot just slipped."

It was a do-able shot. It really was. I didn't do a good job."

The victory sends Kirk to the Masters for the first time. He had been living at Sea Island for the last six years until moving back to Atlanta. He had reason to exhale when it was over. Kirk made birdies on the 11th and 12th holes to build a two-shot lead, only to find himself trailing two holes later. Baird made a long birdie putt on the 13th, and Kirk hit into the hazard on the 14th and had to scramble for bogey.

Baird looked like the winner as they walked toward the green on the par-5 15th. He had 40 feet for eagle, while Kirk pulled his approach into the water left of the green, and slammed his wedge into the turf when his chip settled 20 feet away.

Baird ran his eagle attempt 4 feet by the cup and three-putted for par, while Kirk made his 20-foot par putt to stay one shot behind.

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Kirk caught him with a 15-foot birdie putt on the 17th, setting the stage for an 18th hole where the tournament was lost as much as it was won.

It was a crushing loss for Baird, who now has six runner-up finishes since the 41-year-old first joined the PGA Tour in 1999.

Baird has talked for years about how he would rather have a consistent year of top finishes and a trip to the Tour Championship than one win and no other tournaments in contention. Even this week, he spoke

about golf being more about making money than winning trophies.

"It's not all about winning," Baird said Sunday after his finish. "I've said that, but this hurts. This really does. This is very disappointing."

The only consolation was how he finished after his topped shot into the hazard. Baird made a 25-foot bogey putt to share second place with Clark. That gave him \$484,000, which secures his card for the rest of the season. Baird was exempt on a major medical extension from having surgery on both shoulders at the end of 2012.

The bogey putt was worth a difference of \$220,000.



Briny Baird hits a drive off the seventh tee during the first round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013, in St. Simons Island, Ga.

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U.S. women's football team beats Brazil 4-1

TIM RITTER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Florida (AP)

— Sydney Leroux scored twice in the first half as the U.S. women's football team completed its sixth undefeated year with a 4-1 win over Brazil in an international friendly Sunday.

Abby Wambach also scored in the first half and Erika Tymrak added the other goal for the United States.

The Americans finished the year with 13 wins and three draws. It also pushed their unbeaten streak to 38 games and 76 at home.

"Huge!" Wambach said. "Obviously you get that first goal, and you have momentum."

And then I think we got the penalty within a couple minutes after that. That's demoralizing from the opposing team's standpoint."

The U.S. controlled the ball

and the field for much of the first half, breaking through with goals in the 15th and 17th minute.

TA foul then set up Wambach for a penalty that Wambach drilled into the lower right corner past diving goalkeeper Thais.

It was the 163rd goal for the 2012 FIFA World Player of the Year, and more importantly ensured the U.S. wouldn't fall into the same trap as in the team's last outing, a 1-1 draw against New Zealand in which the team failed to convert many potential winners.

"That's been my job for I don't know how many years," said the 33-year-old Wambach, a leader on two Olympic championship teams. "I've missed less than a handful (of penalty kicks). I've been taking them all week since I missed that one against



U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo (1) blocks a shot on goal by Brazil forward Raquel (19) during the second half of an international friendly soccer match in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013. United States Women's national team defeated Brazil 4-1.

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New Zealand. I don't miss too many in a row." Brazil, which didn't get a shot until the 21st minute, got its lone goal in the 24th when Rosana took Rilany's cross and slipped it inside the left post.

The Americans pushed back to a two-goal lead in the 38th minute when Leroux dribbled the ball from well outside the penalty area, cut to the right past a defender and fired it back to the left.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo ensured the lead would stand in the second half for the Americans, making three spectacular saves in an 8-minute span as Brazil carved out a series of opportunities.

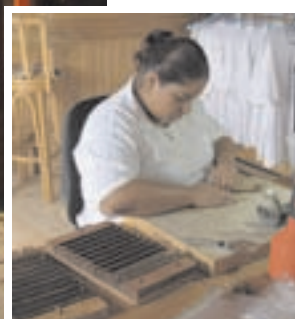
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Fox, who was released from the hospital Friday, planned to watch the game on TV at his offseason home in Charlotte, North Carolina, a team spokesman said. With interim coach Jack Del Rio in charge, Manning kept the Broncos (8-1) rolling. He threw touchdown passes of 11, 7 and 34 yards to Thomas on consecutive drives spanning the second and third quarters.

Julius Thomas had a 74-yard catch-and-run on Denver's first drive. The Broncos' scoring drives lasted 57 seconds; 2 minutes, 27 seconds; 1:25; and 3:26.

Manning has thrown for 3,249 yards and 33 touchdowns in nine games. San Diego fell to 4-5.

CARDINALS 27, TEXANS 24 GLENDALE, Arizona (AP) — Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes as the Cardinals sent the Texans to their franchise-record seventh consecutive loss.

The Texans (2-7) were without coach Gary Kubiak, who collapsed on the sidelines against Indianapolis last Sunday night with what was diagnosed as a mini-stroke. Defensive coordinator Wade Phillips is filling in as interim coach.

Arizona (5-4) scored on the game's first play when John Abraham knocked the ball out of Case Keenum's arm and Matt Shaughnessy returned it 6 yards for a touchdown.

Keenum threw three touchdown passes, two on remarkable catches by Andre Johnson.

J.J. Watt forced two fumbles, recovering both for Houston. The second one set up Johnson's 5-yard TD catch that cut

the lead to three with 4:34 to play.

LIONS 21, BEARS 19

CHICAGO (AP) — Calvin Johnson had two second-half touchdown receptions and Reggie Bush rushed for 105 yards as the Lions took over first place in the NFC North.

Johnson broke Herman Moore's franchise record with his 63rd career touchdown reception with 2:22 to go, giving the Lions a 21-13 lead with a 14-yard grab. He also had a tiebreaking 4-yard TD reception on the first drive in the third quarter.

Bush had 89 yards on the ground in the second half as Detroit (6-3) swept the season series against Chicago (5-4).

Jay Cutler threw for 250 yards and a touchdown in his first action since he injured his groin last month. He looked progressively worse as the game wore on and departed before the Bears' final drive with what the team said was an ankle injury.

SEAHAWKS 33, FALCONS 10 ATLANTA (AP) — Russell Wilson threw a pair of touchdown passes and Marshawn Lynch ran for 145 yards in a one-sided follow-up to last season's NFC divisional playoffs.

After struggling for victories the last two weeks, the first-place Seahawks (9-1) blew out a team that not so long ago was talking Super Bowl, but now is just two defeats away from its first losing season since 2007.

The Falcons (2-7) trailed 23-3 at the half after the Seahawks scored a touchdown with 1 second remaining — a complete reversal of their postseason game last January.

Atlanta led 20-0 in that one after two quarters and was still up by 20 early in the fourth. Wilson led what appeared to be a



Jacksonville Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew (32) gets past Tennessee Titans defenders Karl Klug (97) and Jurrell Casey (99) to score a touchdown on a 6-yard run in the first quarter of an NFL football game on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, in Nashville, Tenn.

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historic comeback, putting the Seahawks ahead 28-27 with less than a minute remaining. The Falcons

bounced back with two long passes and Matt Bryant's field goal for a 30-28 victory that sent Atlanta

to the NFC championship game.

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No.2 Djokovic joins No. 1 Nadal in ATP final

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — They're still in their 20s, yet their rivalry is already one of the most heralded in men's tennis history.

Rafael Nadal vs. Novak Djokovic has become a classic.

The pair met for the first time at tour level seven years ago and, when they go head-to-head in the final of the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals on Monday, it will be for the 39th time.

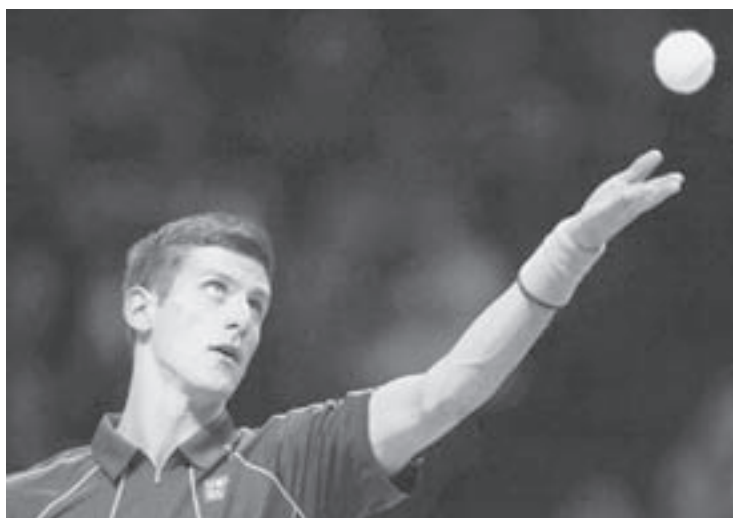
The Spaniard and the Serb have been dominant this season, with Nadal replacing Djokovic for the No. 1 ranking last month on the back of a stunning comeback from a career-threatening knee injury.

"Whenever we play each other, it's a huge challenge," the 26-year-old Djokovic said. "This is the probably the most competitive tournament that we have after Grand Slams in our sport, and we both want to crown this season in the best possible way and end it with a title."

Djokovic extended his winning streak to 21 matches since losing in the U.S. Open final to Nadal when he beat Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals. Nadal had earlier dispatched his old rival Roger Federer in straight sets.

The world's two highest-ranked players are unbeaten this week and have faced each other five times this season, with Nadal leading the 2013 meetings 3-2.

After losing a set in each of his three previous matches, Djokovic raised his game on Sunday, making only 14 unforced errors as he broke Wawrinka four times. "The performance was



Novak Djokovic of Serbia serves to Richard Gasquet of France during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013.

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definitely by far the best I've had in the tournament," said Djokovic, who is bidding for a third title at the elite, season-ending event and has been the best player of the indoor season.

Nadal ended Federer's hopes of finishing a disappointing season on a high note, defeating the six-time champion 7-5, 6-3. He leads Djokovic 22-16 in their career head-to-head record, although he lost their previous encounter last month in Beijing soon after regaining the top ranking.

"After the U.S. Open final, I haven't lost a match," Djokovic said. "I'm trying to take a lot of positive energy out of this confidence and out of this run. I won against him in the finals of Beijing in straight sets and I played a great match. I liked the way I improved in our matches. I like that I changed a few things that allowed me to win against him. That's something that I will definitely try to use tomorrow."

Nadal, who claimed his first win over Federer on an indoor hard court, extended his winning career record

over the 17-time Grand Slam winner to 22-10 and has now beaten the Swiss player on every surface. Federer had won their four previous matches at the ATP Finals, dropping only one set.

"The most important thing for me is (that indoor) is the toughest surface for me to play," Nadal said. "The most difficult for me was to be able to win four matches against top eight players. It's a very good way to finish the year."

Chasing his first title at the Finals, Nadal played down the importance of the victory over his greatest rival.

"It is probably one of my best seasons," said Nadal, who returned to the tour in February after a seven-month injury layoff. "The most satisfying thing is always (to win) the tournament more than the personal victories. So for me it is more important to be in the final in the last tournament of the year than to have the chance to win against Roger."

Since returning from injury, Nadal has won 75 matches —losing only 6—to win 10 titles including the French



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after winning point against Roger Federer of Switzerland during their ATP world Tour Finals tennis semifinal match at the O2 Arena on London, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

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Open, the U.S. Open and five Masters 1000 events. Federer's season was very different. Hampered by a back injury, he won only one title in 2013 and was hoping to secure a major trophy before the year-end break.

He played aggressively early on but faded after losing the first set, making too many mistakes to threaten the Spaniard.

"In the beginning, his serve worked very well," the 27-year-old Nadal said. "My feeling is that in the first set, he played very well. He was closer than me to have the break. So in my opinion until 4-all, he was playing better than me."

Nadal and Federer treated the O2 Arena fans to some superb exchanges early on, reminiscent of the classic matches that have punctuated their nine-year rivalry. But Nadal was much sharper on the important points, converting all four break points he earned.

Federer had 32 unforced errors and made some uncharacteristic poor volleys. Federer, who beat Juan Martin del Potro on Saturday to qualify for the semis while Nadal had a rest day, also appeared to fatigue near the end.

Federer failed to convert three break points in the sixth game before Nadal took advantage of his first opportunity to break for 5-4 with a superb forehand winner.

Federer broke back immediately, but failed to build on the momentum. He dropped his serve in the very next game before conceding the set. He then struggled with his rhythm and was broken twice in the second set.

"I struggled to stay consistent enough throughout the match, and that's why he deserved to win" Federer said.

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A look at what next-next-gen games could offer

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The next generation of gaming is nearly here, but what about the generation after that one?

Sony and Microsoft are launching their new super-powered consoles in the coming weeks. However, gamemakers at last week's Game Developers Conference Next in Los Angeles were already contemplating outside-the-box innovations — from wearable controllers to illuminated living rooms — that might follow the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One. Here's a glimpse at five big ideas pondered at GDC Next:

SEEING IS BELIEVING

While the virtual reality headset seemed to go the way of the beeper in 1990s, updated takes on that technology have emerged that could make a big impact on the way players view virtual worlds in the future. Google Glass, Oculus Rift and CastAR are already giving early adopters a peek at images in 3D or projected in real life — all without a TV screen.

TIME WARP

Games have long explored what's physically impossible in the real world, like instantly teleporting across space in the first-person puzzler "Portal" or effortlessly bending time in the 2D platformer "Braid." With higher definition graphics, new controllers and increased fidelity, expect game designers to continue to push the limits of make-believe reality.

IF YOU BUILD IT

The success of "Skylanders" and "Disney Infinity" has proven gamers want to merge physical and virtual worlds. The next evolution for players might be to create their very own toys or accessories utilizing at-home 3D printing technology. Imagine scanning an old-school "Star Wars" figure, printing a new version then sending it to a virtual galaxy far, far away.

TOUCHY SUBJECTS

Touchscreens have revolutionized the way users interact with devices, but their slick surfaces don't always make for the best game controllers. Advancements in technology that physically respond to touch — called "haptic touch" — combined with motion detection and augmented reality could bring interfaces imagined in "Iron Man" and "Minority Re-



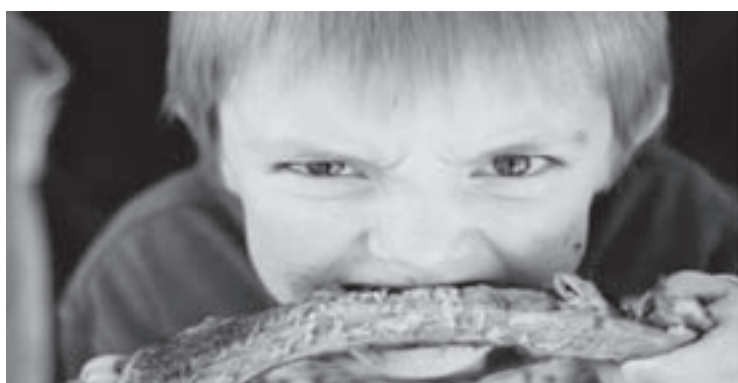
This project image released by Leap Motion shows the Leap Motion Controller that went on sale earlier this year. Motion-detecting and touch-sensitive controllers were among the topics discussed at the Game Developers Conference Next at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Nov. 5-7, 2013.

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port" to life.

REALITY CHECK

As handheld devices become more pervasive and projection technology is more accessible, interactivity will likely continue to leap off TV screens, as illustrated earlier this year by Microsoft's IllumiRoom project, a conceptual system that combined a projector and Kinect sensor to augment areas surrounding a TV screen with dazzling projected visualizations. □



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US seeks \$864M from BofA over Countrywide loans

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal prosecutors want Bank of America Corp. to pay about \$864 million over losses incurred by the government after it bought thousands of home loans made by Countrywide Financial during the housing boom. U.S. attorney Preet Bharara made the request in documents filed late Friday with the U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

A jury last month found Bank of America Corp., which acquired Countrywide in 2008, liable for knowingly selling thousands of bad home loans to the government-run mortgage buyers, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, between August 2007 and May 2008.

The panel also returned the verdict against Countrywide and a former executive, Rebecca Mairone. The trial related to mortgages the government said were sold at break-neck speed without regard to quality as the economy headed into a tailspin. The government had accused the financial institu-

tions of urging workers to churn out loans, accept fudged applications and hide ballooning defaults

under the motto, "Loans Move Forward, Never Backward."

Bank of America, based in

gram were sold to Fannie and Freddie, which packaged loans into securities and sold them to inves-



A Bank of America branch office is shown in New York. The U.S. government urged that Bank of America Corp pay \$863.6 million in damages after a federal jury found it liable for fraud over defective mortgages sold by its Countrywide unit.

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through a loan program called the Hustle, short-hand for high-speed swim lane, which operated

Charlotte, North Carolina, denied there was fraud. Thousands of loans made through the Hustle pro-

tors. The companies were effectively nationalized in 2008 when they nearly collapsed from mortgage losses. In the filing Friday, Bharara asked the court to make the penalty on BofA equal to the maximum losses racked up from the Hustle program by Fannie and Freddie.

Bank of America spokesman Lawrence Grayson said Saturday that the lender plans to respond to the government's penalty filing before a Nov. 20 deadline.

"We believe the filing overstates the volume of loans and the appropriate measure of damages arising from one narrow Countrywide program that lasted several months and ended before Bank of America acquired the company," he said. □

Home Depot apologizes for hurtful tweet

ELIZABETH A. HARRIS
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Home Depot spent a lot of time over the weekend scrambling to apologize after a message sent from the company's primary Twitter account, @HomeDepot, was criticized as racially insensitive.

The message, part of a college football promotion, included a picture of two African-American men and a person in a gorilla suit drumming on overturned buckets, with a caption that read, "Which drummer is not like the others?" The tweet, which went out midday Thursday, was quickly deleted. Within hours, Home Depot apologized publicly and said it had fired the people who sent it out.

"We have zero tolerance for anything so stupid and offensive," Stephen Holmes, director of corporate communications for Home Depot, said in an email statement. "The outside agency that created the tweet and the Home Depot associate who posted it have been terminated. We're also closely reviewing our social media procedures to determine how this could have happened, and how to ensure it never happens again."

The home improvement company declined to name the outside agency. This is not the first time a company has tried to make amends for tweets that were called insensitive or inappropriate by readers and customers. In 2011, the insurance company Aflac Inc. fired Gilbert Gottfried, the comedian who gave voice to its signature duck in the company's commercials. □

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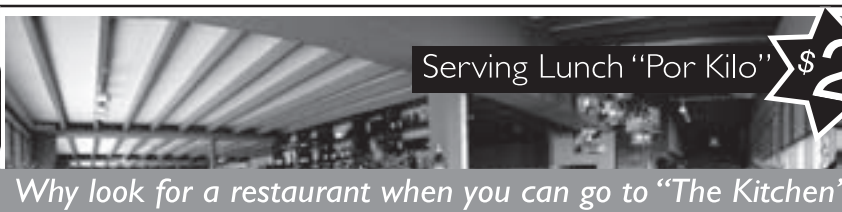
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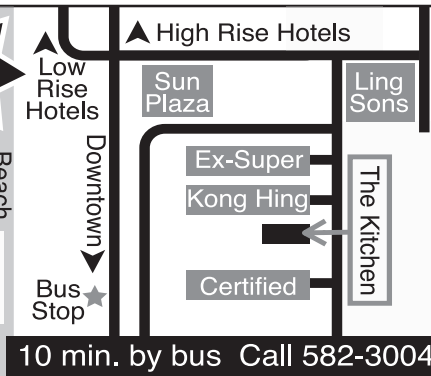


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Candid criticism of Fed at the IMF conference

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WASHINGTON - It started off as yet another staid International Monetary Fund conference on financial crises, filled with ample praise for one of its high-wattage speakers, Ben S. Bernanke, the Federal Reserve chairman, and carefully calibrated comments on optimal monetary policy.

Enter Lawrence H. Summers.

Now that he is no longer a candidate to head the Federal Reserve, Summers - who withdrew from consideration this fall in the face of stiff resistance in Congress, with the White House ultimately nominating Janet L. Yellen - was perhaps freer to speak in his trademark blunt style. And he didn't disappoint, arguing that by many important metrics, Fed policy has failed.

Summers underscored how weak the economy remains, despite the extensive stimulus and the Fed's continuing campaign of asset purchases, with the labor market slack and inflation subdued.

"My lesson from this crisis is, my overarching lesson is that it's not over until it is over, and that is surely not right now," he said. He noted that short-term interest rates had remained close to zero for years, with no end in sight: "We may well need in the years ahead to think about how we manage an economy in which the zero nominal interest rate is a chronic and systemic inhibitor of economic activity."

"There's no evidence of growth that is restoring equilibrium," Summers added. "One has to be concerned about a policy agenda that is doing less with monetary policy than has been done before, doing less with fiscal policy than has been done before," and is "taking steps whose basic purpose is to cause there to be less lending, borrowing and inflated asset prices than there was before."

It was, in essence, a call for a revitalized, crisis-style campaign to improve the economy, especially to get young people to work. Elements might include major public investment, he said.

Bernanke raised some objections in an unusual back-and-forth that had the room riveted. He pointed to a theory that interest rates could not remain negative in perpetuity as a counter to Summers' comments. At the same time, he called the comments fascinating.

Later, Bernanke said that the unemployment rate, at 7.3 percent, might not be capturing the extent of the problems in the labor market, arguing that the "Federal Reserve in particular is taking strong actions to support job creation." He also said that student loan debt was a serious issue, although he did not expect it to have a destabilizing financial effect. But he generally shied away from commenting on current economic conditions or on the Fed's efforts to stimulate the economy. In his opening statements, Bernanke, who was a scholar of the Great Depression before he became a central banker, drew parallels between the 2008 panic and one that happened a century before, before the Fed even existed. □

SmartMoney: Embracing Millennials

TOM AGAN

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Are millennials - those born from roughly 1980 to 2000 - about to fundamentally change companies for the better? Yes, if companies dare to listen.

Older generations of workers are sometimes annoyed and perplexed by millennials, many of whom want to take on big projects and responsibilities right off the bat, whereas earlier generations expected to pay their dues first. Millennials are also accustomed to living in a world of vast transparency- tweeting, texting and emailing one another in a nonstop exchange of information and opinions.

I worked with one executive who was starting a big IT project - and she was shocked and a little embarrassed to learn that her mostly millennial team had identified a lack of support for the effort among higher-ups. How? During her introductory presentation, they sent instant messages among themselves and to others in the company and figured it out.

The book "Why Nations Fail," by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, sheds light on why millennials are uniquely situated to take innovation to a new level. When a small, closed group of elites holds power, it tends to limit information and education and resist innovations that threaten its strength, the authors explain. By contrast, innovation thrives when information is unfettered, education is nurtured, people can readily form new groups, and decision-making is inclusive. These circumstances offset the strong tendency of those in power to resist change - in a country or at a company.

Social media permeate

the personal, academic, political and professional lives of millennials, helping to foster the type of environment where innovation flourishes. So when compared with older generations, millennials learn quickly - and that's the most important driver of in-

take risks previous generations resisted. They truly want to change the world and will use technology to do so."

To compete for the best millennial talent, companies are having to change in fundamental ways. Goldman Sachs, for exam-



With its emphasis on free-flowing information, the millennial generation is highly innovative, and thus has much to offer to corporate culture. (Johanna Goodman/The New York Times)

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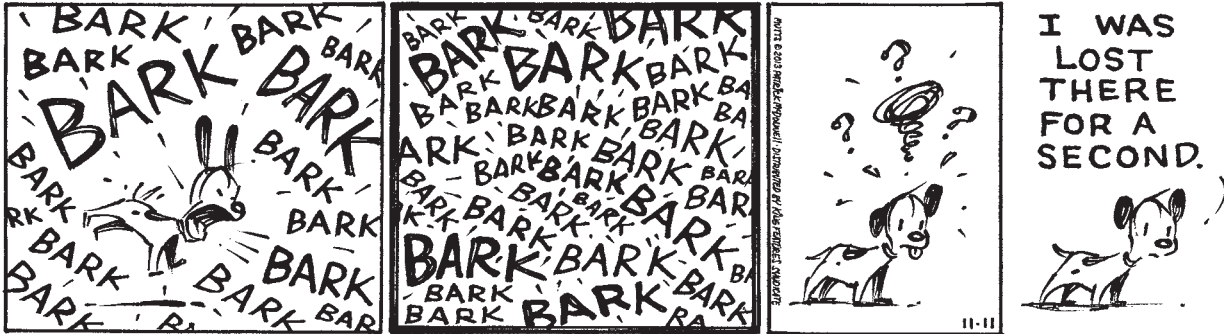
At Northwestern University, teams of undergraduate and graduate students - guided by older, experienced faculty members and alumni, and often paired with senior-level researchers - create plans for startups in an interdisciplinary series of classes called NUvention. Over the last two years, three of these teams have won first- or second-place awards in the Rice Business Plan Competition, to the tune of more than \$1.5 million in prize money. And the winning teams have gone on to raise over \$1 million each.

Mike Marasco, the leader of the NUvention program, puts it this way: "Millennials work more closely together, leverage right- and left-brain skills, ask the right questions, learn faster and

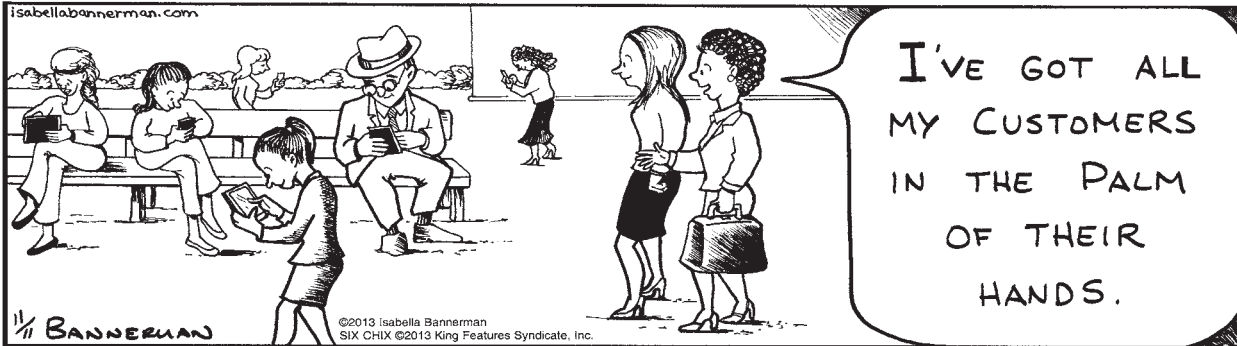
ple, recently announced its intention to improve the work environment of its junior bankers by having them work less. That flies in the face of Wall Street tradition, in which new recruits often work late into the night and for entire weekends.

Goldman made the change partly because it was losing millennials to startups. But startups typically offer less pay and equally long hours, which suggests that providing more time off isn't the only answer. If corporate cultures don't align with the transparency, free flow of information and inclusiveness that millennials highly value - and that are also essential for learning and successful innovation - the competitiveness of many established businesses will suffer. □

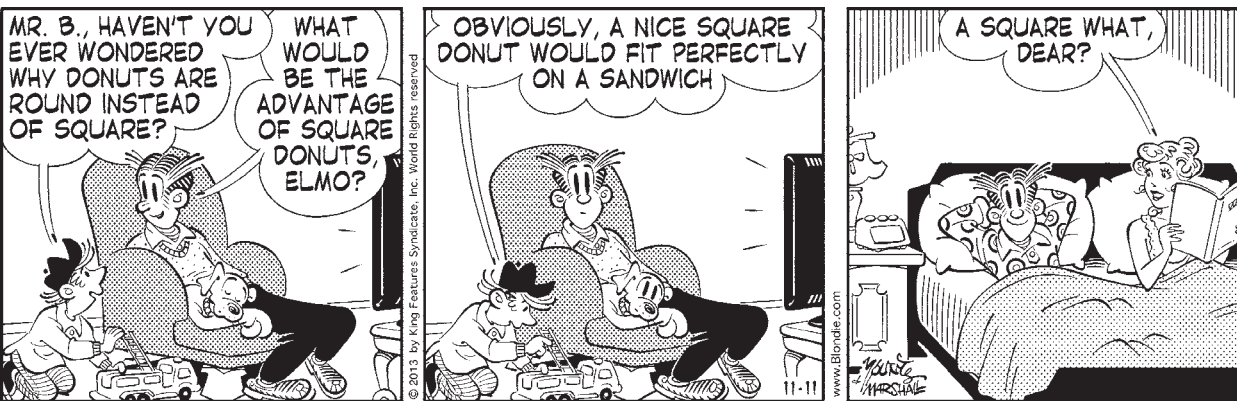
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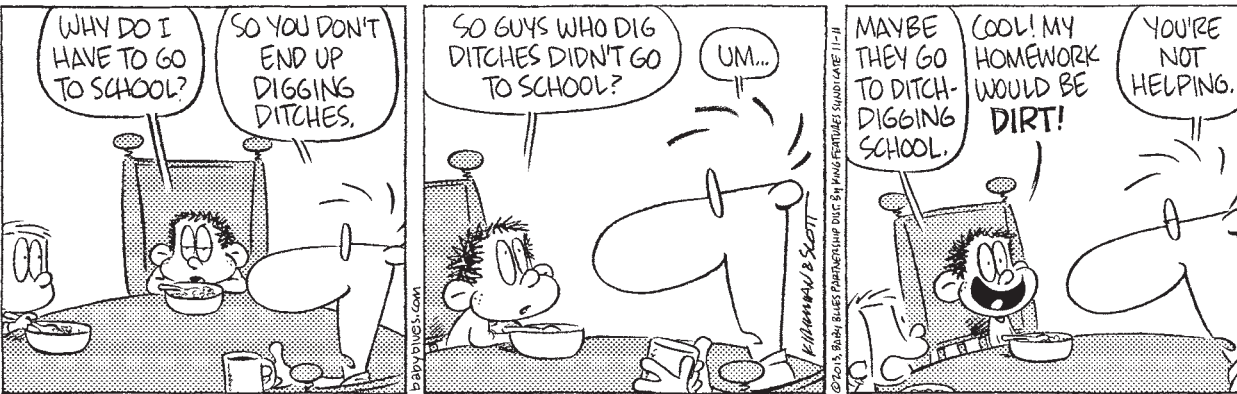
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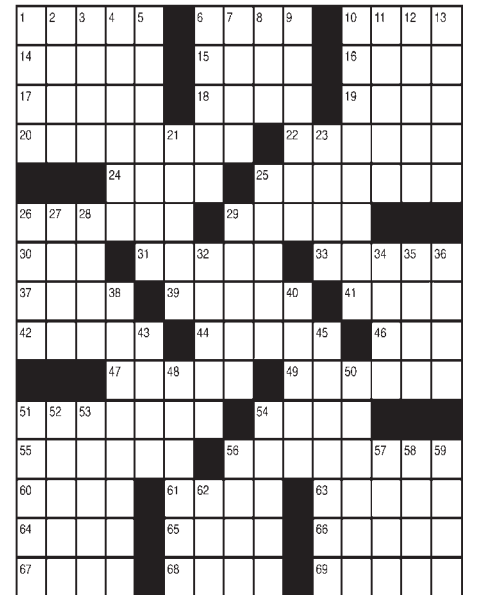
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Venezuela churns out beauty queens amid crisis

JORGE RUEDA
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — For most Venezuelans, these are trying times. Inflation is running at a two-decade high, salaries are being corroded by a plunging currency and

Born in the city of Valencia, the 25-year-old Isler works as an anchor for Venevision, a channel owned by the Cisneros business group that also has the rights to the annual Miss Venezuela pageant, one of the nation's most-watched tele-

Driving the crisis has been a collapse in the currency, which has plunged to a tenth of its official value in illegal black market trading. To arrest the fall, Maduro last week ordered the military to inspect prices and shut down businesses found to be charging abusive prices. A day after the government seized control of a nationwide chain of appliance stores, doors reopened Saturday to throngs of shoppers seeking to buy televisions, washing machines and refrigerators at a fraction of their listed price. □



Miss Universe 2013 Gabriela Isler, from Venezuela, adjusts her crown after winning the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, Russia, on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013.

(AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin)

basic goods like milk and toilet paper are in short supply. But even as the economy shows signs of imploding, the country still churns out beauty, as evidenced by Maria Gabriela Isler's pocketing Saturday of the country's third Miss Universe title in six years. Within minutes of Isler's crowning in Moscow, President Nicolas Maduro sent his congratulations over Twitter, celebrating her performance as a "triumph for Venezuela." Opponents of his socialist government also expressed pride. "There's no doubt we have the most beautiful women of the world," said Marco Sandoval, a 68-year-old retiree, as he and dozens of others marched in Caracas against the government in a protest hastily-organized over the Internet. "But nothing is perfect. We also have the most corrupt and shameless politicians in the world."

vised events. The 5-foot, 10-inch brunette edged out finalists from Spain, Brazil, Ecuador and the Philippines to take the crown in its 61st edition. Venezuela has won more major international beauty competitions than any other nation, including now seven Miss Universe titles, and beauty queens rank alongside baseball players and oil as the country's biggest exports. A whole industry of grooming schools, plastic surgeons and beauty salons has emerged to prepare young women for the thousands of pageants that take place each year around the country in schools, army barracks and even prisons. More recently this obsession with beauty has taken a backseat to more mundane concerns, as soaring inflation of 54 percent and worsening shortages of basic goods makes it harder for families to put food on the table.

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Minn. man's cave collection is his hobby, passion

By JEFF BAENEN

Associated Press

SPRING VALLEY, Minn. (AP)

— John Ackerman is a big-time landlord of subterranean real estate.

Ackerman, 59, owns Spring Valley Caverns, the largest private cave in Minnesota but just the beginning of his underground empire, which he calls the Minnesota Cave Preserve. He holds the keys to more than 40 miles of caves hidden beneath the rolling farm fields of Minnesota and Iowa and is always seeking more.

"I think it's just to be able to be the first human being to introduce light into the inky blackness of just unknown chambers that may go for miles," he said of his motivation. "And then later it's to protect them so that they're available for scientific research. That's what keeps me going. That's the adrenaline rush, is 'What's around the next corner?'" Ackerman estimates he's spent \$4 million on cave exploration and acquiring underground rights, but he doesn't charge admission to the nature groups, scientists and cavers who visit. It's a hobby made possible by his successful furniture restoration busi-



In this Oct. 10, 2013, photo, John Ackerman talks about his Spring Valley Caverns in Spring Valley, Minn. Ackerman, who has discovered various caves in the area that he is helping preserve, owns the farmland over the caverns. He holds the keys to over 40 miles of caves hidden beneath the rolling farm fields of Minnesota and Iowa, and is always seeking more.

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ness, he said.

Ackerman, who lives in Farmington, just south of Minneapolis, said he discovered his love for spelunking as a boy when he poked around the caves along the Mississippi River in St. Paul. Spring Valley Caverns was his first acquisition, in 1989, when he bought 600 acres of farmland. A previous owner had tried and failed to commercial-

ize the half-mile-long cave below.

Southeastern Minnesota and northeastern Iowa are prime cave terrain, with soluble rock such as limestone eroded over time by running water. For a person on the surface, sinkholes are a clue to finding caves, said Ackerman, who claims to have discovered 43 caves that he now owns. All but one are in southeastern

Minnesota.

Once he finds a cave, Ackerman says he approaches the landowner to buy some surface land with underground rights to the rest of the land. He then has an entrance drilled.

On a recent trip to Spring Valley Caverns, which covers some 5 1/2 miles, Ackerman wore a light on his red helmet to pierce the darkness. Dripping water was the only sound, and bats, just beginning to move into the cave to hibernate, were the only animal in sight. It was chilly; Ackerman says the cave stays a consistent 48 degrees.

A remote section of the cave has a roaring river and a room big enough to hold a house, Ackerman said.

"It's really an underground paradise. It's unbelievable down there," he said.

E. Calvin Alexander Jr., an earth sciences professor at the University of Minnesota, describes Ackerman as both a friend and "one of the most Type A personalities that I've run into in a long, long time."

"He has single-handedly made available to scientists more miles of cave passage in Minnesota than anyone by far," Alexander said.

His pursuit of caving hasn't

always gone smoothly. Ackerman skirmished with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources after the department bought a cave and erected a gate in 1999 to preserve it and keep out trespassers.

In 2004, Ackerman bought some adjoining surface land along with underground rights to part of that cave and drilled a 75-foot shaft to reopen it to cavers. "That sort of thing rubbed people the wrong way," said Dean Wiseman, a spokesman for the National Speleological Society, a nonprofit dedicated to exploring and conserving caves. "He chose a course of action that some people disagreed with."

Ed Quinn, a resource manager in the DNR's Division of Parks and Trails, said his division had no issues with Ackerman nor any plans to pursue any of his caves.

"We only acquire lands from willing sellers," Quinn said.

Exploring caves is dangerous work, Ackerman said. "I've had it all happen. Rock falls, near drowning, being stuck, running out of lights," he said. "Again, what I do (is) inherently dangerous, but the rewards for me, that's the payoff."

Ackerman is divorced and has three grown children who aren't interested in taking over the caves. He has approached the Minnesota Land Trust about preserving them, something the organization is weighing, according to a spokesman.

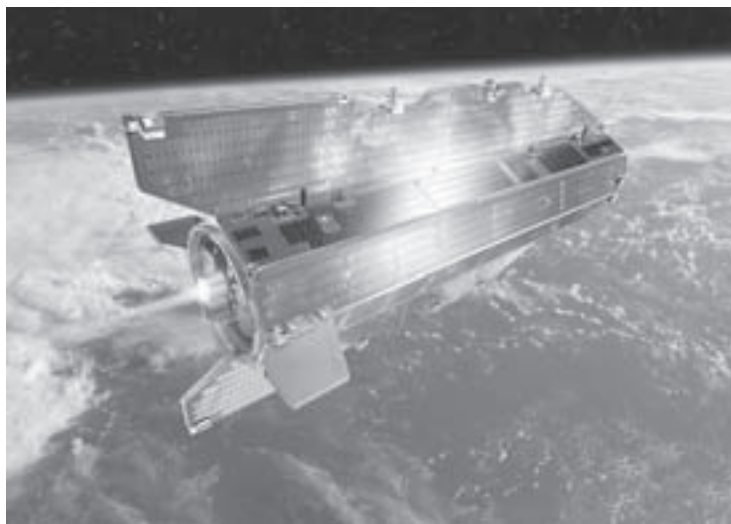
"Caves are scarce," Ackerman said. "And it's my wish to make sure the scientific community has access to all these caverns when I'm long gone - perpetual access." □

Satellite likely to hit Earth in unpopulated area

BERLIN (AP) — The European Space Agency says that one of its research satellites that ran out of fuel will most likely crash to Earth into the ocean or polar regions.

The agency said Sunday the crash is expected to occur between 1830 GMT Sunday and 0030 GMT on Monday (1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. EST).

It says "with a very high probability, a re-entry over Europe can be excluded." Spokeswoman Jocelyne Landeau said the satellite, GOCE, will mostly disintegrate as it comes down and "we will have only a few pieces which could be



In his image, publicly provided by the European Space Agency ESA, research satellite GOCE flies above earth.

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90 kilograms at the most." ESA said Friday that humans are 250,000 times more likely to win the lottery than to

get hit by the debris. GOCE was launched in 2009 to map the Earth's gravitational field. □



'Thor: The Dark World' bashes box office with \$86M

JESSICA HERNDON
Associated Press

Superheroes continue to defeat their foes at the box office.

Disney's "Thor: The Dark World," earning \$86.1 million, dominated the weekend box office as it opened domestically at No. 1, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Starring Chris Hemsworth, the Marvel superhero sequel earned \$109.4 million when it opened internationally last weekend and brought in \$180.1 million globally. Overall, it has grossed \$327 million worldwide.

"It's an extraordinary thing," said Dave Hollis, executive vice president of distribution at Walt Disney Studios. "These guys at Marvel have been some of the most consistent when it comes to making movies and creating big events that drive a ton of people to the movie theater. They overdelivered on expectations."

However, some observers were expecting the weekend total to reach over \$100 million.

In limited theaters Thursday evening, "Thor: The Dark World" brought in \$7.1 million overnight.

Surpassing the ticket sales



This publicity photo released by Walt Disney Studios and Marvel shows Natalie Portman, left, as Jane Foster and Chris Hemsworth as Thor, in Marvel's "Thor: The Dark World."

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of "Thor," which scored \$65.7 million when it opened in May of 2011, "Thor: The Dark World" marks a record for a Disney November opening, topping the \$70.5 million "The Incredibles" earned in 2004.

But, come Nov. 22, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" is predicted to take the No. 1 spot.

"We have a great little stretch of time prior to 'Hunger Games,'" Hollis

said. "Yes, 'Hunger Games' will do a whole bunch of business, but that's not to say we don't expect to still be a relevant option for consumers that weekend and onto the Thanksgiving weekend that follows."

Paramount's hidden-camera comedy "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa" held the second-place slot at the box office for the second weekend in a row, earning \$11.3 million during its third weekend, with

a domestic total reaching more than \$78 million.

"Audiences can't get enough of these films," said box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Rentrak. "They are like that guilty pleasure."

It's completely unique compared to everything else out there."

Relativity Media's 3-D animated kiddie flick "Free Birds," soared into third place with \$11.2 million in its second weekend.

CBS Films' "Last Vegas," featuring an all-star cast including Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline, took fourth place in its second weekend.

Last weekend's box office champ, the sci-fi adaptation "Ender's Game," starring Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield and Viola Davis, dropped to fifth place in its second weekend.

"Once 'Thor' opened, it presented a pretty healthy competitor to all of the movies in the marketplace," Dergarabedian said. "We're starting this process of the holiday movie season, which dollar for dollar, is just as important as the summer movie season."

In a seven- to eight-week period, we are talking about close to 20 percent of the total-year box office."

Expanding to 1,144 theaters in its fourth week, possible Oscar contender "12 Years a Slave" brought in an impressive \$6.6 million over the weekend at No. 7. In its first weekend "The Book Thief," starring Emily Watson, Geoffrey Rush and Sophie Nelisse, had a firm opening with \$27,000. It debuted in limited release in just four locations. □

Larry King returns to the radio

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry King is coming back to radio in the form of minute-long, daily reports starting on Monday.

The former CNN host will be featured on more than 50 stations owned by Cumulus across the U.S. AARP, a seniors advocacy group, will also feature it on its website, along with additional audio. This will mark King's return to radio after six decades, according to a statement released Saturday by his representative and AARP.

The 79-year-old King was a staple on CNN with "Larry King Live" for years, interviewing luminaries ranging from celebrities to politi-



This Feb. 17, 2013 file photo shows Larry King at the 8th Annual Los Angeles, Italia Film, Fashion and Art Festival where Al Pacino is being honored with the Jack Valenti L.A. Italia Legend Award in Los Angeles.

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cians, until he left the cable network in 2010. □

Rockers Wood, Taylor play blues for NY celeb crowd

NEW YORK (AP) — Another Rolling Stones rumor bites the dust.

Hours before Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood took the stage with former band member Mick Taylor at a club in Manhattan on Saturday night, a crowd gathered outside amid speculation that they would be joined by fellow guitarist Keith Richards and, possibly, Mick Jagger.

Inside the Cutting Room was a mix of celebrities — musician and actor Steven Van Zandt, Monkees member Micky Dolenz, fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger, among others.

But the standing-room-only



Musician Ronnie Wood, left, of the Rolling Stones performs with guitarist Mick Taylor, in a rare club appearance at The Cutting Room on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013 in New York.

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crowd of a few hundred got what was originally promised: A 90-minute set of guitar-grinding Jimmy Reed blues songs from Wood and Taylor.

The duo played a few shows at the club earlier in the week, too, tearing into the likes of "Bright Lights Big City" and "Going to New York." □

Venezuelan is the new Miss Universe

JIM HEINTZ

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — A 25-year-old Venezuelan who appears on TV in her country and is an accomplished flamenco dancer is the new Miss Universe. Gabriela Isler was crowned Saturday night in the pageant at a sprawling exhibition hall on Moscow's outskirts.

In the excitement just after the announcement, the tiara fell off Isler's head as she was being crowned by Miss Universe 2012, Olivia Culpo of the United States. Isler caught the crown laughing.

Patricia Rodrigues of Spain was the runner-up.

The panel of judges was led by American rock musician Steven Tyler.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro congratulated Isler on Twitter, calling her title a "triumph" for Venezuela, a country that has now won three of the last six Miss Universe pageants.

In fact, Venezuela has won more major international beauty competitions than any other nation, and



Miss Universe 2013 Gabriela Isler, from Venezuela, left, and pageant owner Donald Trump, of the United States, point to each other while posing for a photo after the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, Russia, on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013.

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beauty pageants rank alongside baseball as the country's most-followed diversion, one that transcends social class and normally insurmountable political divisions.

A whole industry of grooming schools, plastic surgeons and beauty salons has emerged to prepare

young women for the thousands of pageants that take place each year around the country in schools, army barracks and even prisons.

Venezuela has managed to keep its beauty queen industry flourishing, despite economic problems have worsened in recent weeks

as inflation touched a two-decade high of 54 percent and shortages of basic goods like toilet paper and milk have worsened. Driving the crisis has been a collapse in the currency, which has plunged to a tenth of its official value in illegal black market trading. □



Miley Cyrus performs at the 2013 MTV Europe Music Awards in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

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Miley Cyrus twerks at MTV Europe Music Awards

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — Miley Cyrus opened MTV's Europe Music Awards with her hit song "We Can't Stop" — while wearing a space-themed silver spandex suit and twerking with a female dwarf.

To the delight of the crowd in Amsterdam's Ziggo Dome, Cyrus finished the number by sticking out her tongue — the same expression she flashed repeatedly during her eyebrow-raising appearance at MTV's Video Music Awards in New York in August.

The European awards traditionally focus on global, rather than U.S. pop music acts, though the overlap is huge: Justin Timberlake and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis are nominated in five categories each.

The "intergalactic"-themed show is scheduled to be rebroadcast in the U.S. later Sunday.

Among early winners were Katy Perry for Best Female Artist. Perry, apparently caught by surprise, spit out a sip of champagne and took the stage to thank her fans.

During her performance, she hung suspended by wires as green lasers reflected off her mirrored outfit. □

Lady Gaga lends image to USA Today logo

The Associated Press

Lady Gaga is lending some of her artistic eye and star power to USA Today's pages in advance of the singer's new album, "ARTPOP." USA Today says a logo featuring an image of a statue of the pop provocateur will appear in Monday's editions of the newspaper's "LIFE" section.

The newspaper says Lady Gaga is the first guest contributor to design a logo for the newspaper.

The logo was designed in collaboration with the performer and artist Jeff Koons, who designed Lady Gaga's cover art for "ARTPOP," due out Tuesday. □



This image released by USA Today shows the logo designed for the newspaper by Lady Gaga. The newspaper says Lady Gaga is the first guest contributor to design a logo for the newspaper.

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Presidential! Season! Soonish!



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Chris Christie! He won! Let's talk about his presidential prospects incessantly for the rest of the month!

Then we will take a short break for the holiday season. Then ring in 2014, which means just two years until Chris Christie goes to the Iowa caucuses!

Christie's sweeping victory in New Jersey was certainly the big story of Tuesday's elections. Although I personally think it was interesting that Boston picked a new mayor who's working on his 19th year of sobriety, on the same day that the mayor of Toronto admitted he had smoked crack, "probably in one of my drunken stupors." Who knew that Toronto would turn out to be more enthusiastic than Boston when it comes to substance abuse?

And let's take a quick look at Virginia, where Democrat Terry McAuliffe narrowly defeated Republican Ken Cuccinelli. How do you feel about that one, people? Are you surprised the margin wasn't wider given that Cuccinelli had expressed wildly right-wing views on issues ranging from climate change to abortion, leading to a campaign that forced voters to mull their views on global warming, sodomy and transvaginal ultrasounds?

Or are you amazed that the Democrats won this one at all, with a candidate who admitted - practically bragged - that while driving his newborn son home from the hospital, he stopped to make a 15-minute appearance at a political fundraiser while infant and weeping wife sat in the car?

"I felt bad for Dorothy, but it was a million bucks for the Democratic Party," McAuliffe said in his autobiography.

Honestly, it was a miracle anybody in Virginia showed up to vote. I did like Cuccinelli's breakout attack theme: "All puppy and no plan." Let's hope that one resurfaces during the presidential race. Which is just around the corner, presuming the corner lasts for 26 months.

Presidential! That brings us back to Chris Christie, the man of the hour. Even though he's a Republican in a deep blue state, he won a huge victory against - um, the Democrat. Who was ... named ... Barbara Buono.

Buono was battling odds that made the Alamo look like a quick game of Parcheesi. She's a 20-year veteran of the state

Legislature, a résumé that always inspires excitement among the electorate. She had about a quarter of Christie's budget for ads. Nobody from the Clinton family went to New Jersey to campaign for her. Some days, it seemed as if nobody from New Jersey was showing up, either.

"The Democratic political bosses ... made a deal with this governor, despite him representing almost everything they're against. They didn't do it for the state. They did it to help themselves politically and financially," Buono said on election night, in a speech that centered on the terribleness of her own state party.

In a place that's dominated by one political party, like New Jersey, the electorate often picks somebody from the other side to be governor, in hopes that he or she will keep a lid on things. Christie is sort of a larger and louder version of New York's George Pataki, who I believe has been in New Hampshire trying to drum up presidential primary interest since 2006.

Christie sees himself as a scrappy guy fighting against impossible odds, but he's actually been wildly lucky. Politically, he's in a perfect position. To his left, the New Jersey State Legislature and the county bosses. To his right, the crazy national Republican Party. He gets everything in between!

"The people of New Jersey rewarded me last night for the personal relationship that we have," he told a news conference Wednesday.

Christie has been suggesting, very, very frequently, that his success is all about personality. That certainly makes sense, since his major actual achievement as governor was to get everyone to agree on a plan to bail out the public employee pension fund ... soon.

Is he the tough-talking truth-teller the nation is yearning for? Critics in New Jersey say the governor's main administrative talent is for balancing a budget with imaginary revenues. But even if Christie was really the candidate he claims to be, we're not the electorate we imagine we are. Who was the last person to get to the White House without a public persona that was smooth and affable? Richard Nixon? Harry Truman? I hear John Adams was kind of prickly.

Could Christie survive a presidential race when he couldn't even get past the Mitt Romney vice presidential vetting process? There's all that stuff about exploding expense accounts and his prior career as a lobbyist for the securities industry. True, the people of New Jersey have looked into his past and come away satisfied. But, really, in New Jersey you're just happy to know a candidate is not currently under indictment.

We have so much to discuss. Thank God we've got 790 more days until the Iowa caucuses. □



Slavery Isn't A Thing Of The Past



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The movie "12 Years a Slave" is receiving rapturous reviews for depicting the antebellum South less as a gauzy land of elegant plantations than as the raw backdrop of monstrous brutality.

It's terrific that, in the 21st century, we can squarely face 19th-century slavery. But let's also acknowledge the modern versions of slavery in the world around us - and, yes, right here at home.

The United States is home to about 60,000 people who can fairly be called modern versions of slaves, according to a new Global Slavery Index released last month by the Walk Free Foundation, which fights human trafficking. These modern slaves aren't sold in chains in public auctions, so it's not exactly the same as 19th-century slavery. Those counted today include illegal immigrants forced to work without pay under threat of violence and teenage girls coerced to sell sex and hand all the money to their pimps.

There are, of course, many more ambiguities today than in the 1850s about how to count slaves, but the slavery index finds almost 30 million people enduring modern slavery. More are in India than in any other country, and in some countries, such as Mauritania, children are still born into slavery. Who are these modern American slaves?

One survivor I met last month in

New Orleans, Clemmie Greenlee, had her life taken over by a pimp at age 12. She said she spent years having sex with up to 50 men a day. On average, she was beaten 10 times a month, for not meeting her daily quota or other offenses.

Why didn't she run away? Because, she says, of a mix of fear, Stockholm syndrome, emotional manipulation by pimps, hopelessness fueled by drug addiction and distrust of the authorities.

Eventually, Greenlee was able to escape that life, and she now runs a residential program called Eden House to help other women start over. An African-American, she says that what trafficked women endure is absolutely an echo of what her ancestors endured on plantations.

"If you're putting a whip on my back because I'm not picking enough cotton, or if you're beating me because I'm not earning my quota, it's the same thing," she said. "It's slavery."

Slavery isn't as formal or as widespread in the United States today as it was in the 1850s, of course, but it's still easy to find. Go to backpage.com, the leading website for prostitution advertising, and search for your hometown. Some of the women selling sex there are adults voluntarily in the business, but many are women or girls under the control of pimps who take every penny they earn, brand them with tattoos and beat them if they don't earn enough.

Yet, in the United States, we typically arrest the victims rather than the pimps or the johns. Rectifying that would be a step toward modern emancipation.

The slavery index is the work of Andrew Forrest, an Australian billionaire who was awakened to the issue after his 15-year-old daughter, Grace, worked in an orphanage in Nepal. Grace later revisited the orphanage with her

parents to check in on old friends - who were no longer there. They had, it turned out, been sold to brothels abroad.

After returning to Australia, Forrest ordered a review of his mining company's supply chains to make sure that there was no forced labor. He promptly found that some overseas laborers had had their passports confiscated and had gone unpaid for years.

"With slavery experienced by my family and in my business, it was everywhere if you looked," he recalls, and he began a campaign against modern slavery.

Maybe we can find inspiration today not just from "12 Years a Slave" but also from the anti-slavery movement that began in Britain in the 1780s. It was one of the first great human rights campaigns in the world.

People then simply accepted slavery. The Bible encouraged slaves to be obedient, the Church of England owned a major slave plantation in Barbados and Thomas Jefferson advocated powerfully for human freedom except where slaves were involved.

That British abolitionist movement, pioneered by Quakers and led by Thomas Clarkson and William Wilberforce, with help from a former slave named Olaudah Equiano, caught fire and changed the world. Some 390,000 people, more people than were then eligible to vote in Britain, signed petitions against slavery. Hundreds of thousands of people boycotted sugar made with slave labor. It's a story movingly told by Adam Hochschild in his superb book "Bury the Chains."

The abolitionists succeeded in ending the trans-Atlantic slave trade, but their work is not finished. I fear that a century from now, someone may put together a movie about slavery in 2013, leading our descendants to shake their heads and ask of us: What were they thinking? □



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PALM BEACH - Palm Beach Plaza Mall new majestic carnival season has started at Aruba's largest mall. The Aruba Carnival is a thrilling show of over-the-top pagentry, produced by thousands and delighting and uniting the entire country. Here's the scoop on how it began.

Carnival was born in 1954, as a series of small street festivals. The Tivoli Club, Aruba's oldest private social club, was the first to have a pre-Lenten celebration in Oranjestad in February 1944. The Allied victory of World War II was commemorated by an

Aruba Festival - a large parade in San Nicolas comprised largely of Caribbean-English immigrants who came to Aruba to work at the Lago Oil Refinery. The first steel and brass bands debuted a few years later and small parades sprouted here and there.

Tonight at 6:30PM, Palm Beach Plaza Mall will have a great Carnival Show where you can experience for yourself the taste of Aruba's Carnival culture with the opportunity to take pictures with the majestic carnival dancers with carnival costumes. Come and enjoy the show! □